



President Stitches a Message

**“WEAVING OUR FUTURE.....
ONE STITCH AT A TIME”**



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**Happy
Founders’
Day
Sisters**

By now you have all paid tribute to our founders Agnes Shipman Robertson, Marie Neal, Hattie Pappino, and Marion Southall. In 1947, these sisters had the “Vision, Action, and Innovation” to create Alpha Delta Kappa. I for one am eternally grateful to them and proud to be a member of an organization that promotes professional growth, altruism, scholarships, world understanding, leadership development, and love of sisterhood. We as members have to do all that we possibly can to continue the great works of Alpha Delta Kappa so that others will realize the greatness and the power of this organization. We have been in existence now for 60 years. It warms my heart to think of all the children and families we have helped throughout the world. We can not stop now. Let’s keep the membership growing and the good works happening.

Love,
Mary Ann

WEBSITE SECURITY

I am pleased to report that our PA website is secured. To access it you must type in the username and password twice. Need any information, great place to search. Give it a try.

In Memory

Gamma chapter has reported the passing of sister Helen Humphreville 8-20-07. Helen was an outstanding Librarian at Lincoln High School, Philadelphia, PA.

“Friendship Weekend”

Speaking of fellowship and sisterhood, 30 sisters ventured out to the Best Western Country Cupboard Inn, Lewisburg, PA the weekend of Oct. 12-14. It was indeed a stress free weekend. Past acquaintances were renewed as well as many new acquaintances made. Stories were exchanged, words of wisdom shared, laughter by the ton, lives enriched with the culture of the area, shopping, shopping, and more shopping. We were so honored to have Ellen Roderick, past International Executive Director, spend the weekend with us from Baltimore, Maryland. She is an absolute delight and made this Friendship Weekend extra special. (Ask her the story about her Halloween Sweater) Also attending were Karen Cook, past International Grand Northeast Regional Vice President and our current International Grand Northeast Regional Historian Peggy Key. It was just great to be with them as they added so much fun to the weekend and their smiles are contagious. We also have to report that the Iota chapter had two sisters Yoli Pinizzotto and Sharon King who left their 2 year old babies home with their fathers for the weekend. Now you know how hard that had to have been for them. How refreshing it was to have them join us. They are a breath of fresh air, and I applaud their dedication to AΔK.

Thank You

Friendship Weekend would not have been possible without our sisters who spent many hours organizing and researching the trip. Thanks go to Eleanor Smith, Audrey Pyle, and Evie Reese on a fantastic, fun, and well planned trip. We can’t say thank you enough. We enjoyed it so much that the buzz is we might just do it again next year instead of waiting a year. Thank you all!

Welcome New Members

Cheryl Ann Koeffler = Rho
Monica M. Stango = Pi
Carrie A. Alwine = Pi
Charlene Krecota = Pi
Theresa Delich = Alpha
Susan McNeil = Alpha
Faye Richelderfer = Alpha
Phoebe A. Cascaden = Upsilon
Barbara P. Grugan = Upsilon
Mary Pat Juisti = Upsilon
Jennifer L. Raughley = Upsilon
Jean M. Stulz = Upsilon

Welcome to all of our new sisters and we hope you find your membership in AΔK rewarding.

**Update on ITE student
Hidayah Amin**

Hidayah sends greetings from the UN. She has completed her Masters in June and has been interning at the UN in New York City for the past 4 months. She helped to organize the conference on Climate Change.

She also had the opportunity to go on SummerSERVE with 8 other Lehigh University students and volunteer at the Lakota Sioux Indian Reservation in Dupree, South Dakota in May. She initiated the Young Lakota Film-maker Project 2007 where she taught the Native American kids how to video record and edit. She said it was indeed wonderful sharing knowledge with those children who stay in a remote part of the USA, away from modernites. They had limited video cameras (hers and Lehigh's) and only about 3 days which weren't full days. But the project gave the kids the confidence they needed and it gave Hidayah so much pleasure.

A Very Special Thank You

We, the Friendship Weekend gang, would like to send a special thank you to Flo and Glenn VanDyke for having us over to their new lovely home in Mifflinburg. We thank you for giving us the grand tour and loved the delicious food. Thanks for having us and your home is simply beautiful. We wish you both all the best. Thanks!

WEAVING WORDS THRU CHAPTER
MINUTES

Here is a look at what I see going on out there in our chapters across our state of PA.

Altruism:

- Children's books for Coyle Library
- School supply boxes
- Knitted blankets for newborns
- Salvation Army
- Volunteer help with school clubs
- Toy donations
- Pass the basket for textbooks, etc.
- Backpacks for the Homeless
- Ronald McDonald House
- New books for Beaver Co. Library that had flooded out.

Fundraisers:

- Nut orders
- Bon-Ton coupon books
- Borders Gift Wrapping
- Calendars
- Vacation Auction
- Bag Sales

Programs:

- Founders' Day
- Chapter Goal Setting
- MAPS
- Recipe Exchange
- Yearbooks and yearly calendars
- Recognition of sisters years in AΔK

Fraternity Education:

- By-laws
- Fraternity Education Games
- State Convention
- Proper way to wear our badge/pin
- "FishTales" of AΔK
- AΔK Month presentation

"Bridge to the Future" of Alpha Delta Kappa through Involvement, Commitment, and that great feeling of Fulfillment.

IVPNER Susan Pelchat, would like to hear how our Pennsylvania sisters celebrated Founders' Day. So chapter presidents if you could email me or have your secretary email me a.s.a.p. a few sentences as to how you celebrated the day, I will gladly send it off to Susan. I know she will appreciate it very much.

Membership Suggestion

Trying to get new members? Why not go back and contact all those students who your chapter has given scholarships to! Why not go back and contact all those students who applied for your chapter scholarship! Yes, we need to keep all that information on file so that we can go back to contact these new young teachers. Think about it! This just might be the way to go to get younger members in Alpha Delta Kappa.

Alpha Delta Kappa Foundation

The AΔK Foundation gives \$30,000 each year to St. Judes Hospital, \$30,000 each year to Susan G. Komen Foundation for Cancer Research, \$10,000 each to the ITE students – our region alone has two this year, all grants and scholarships offered by AΔK are funded through the Foundation. So any regional scholarships (\$2,500 per region x 7 regions), mini scholarships (\$21,000 annually), Fine Arts grant, Living Memorial Scholarship..all that money comes from the Foundation. Please see your chapter president for information on how you can contribute to keep support for this Foundation. If you have already made a contribution, thank you greatly.

Registration Helpers Needed

Delaware sisters are looking for a few helpers to man the registration booth at the Northeast Regional Conference in Dover, DE July 25-27, 2008. Lorraine Lacsny has suggested this as a great way for sisters to get to know each other in a work setting. Lorraine will teach them everything they need to know. If you are interested, please contact me and I will email your name to Lorraine.

Thanks,
Mary Ann

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PENNSYLVANIA
ALPHA DELTA KAPPA
STATE CONVENTION
SATURDAY
APRIL 19, 2008
PENN STATER HOTEL AND
CONVENTION CENTER

LET'S GET BACK TO THE REASON A STATE CONVENTION WAS PLANNED BY OUR FOUNDERS AND THAT IS TO GET ALL SISTERS ACROSS THE STATE TOGETHER FOR A DAY OF SISTERHOOD AND FELLOWSHIP. PUT THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW AND CARPOOL TO MAKE SPENDING THE DAY EVEN BETTER. PLANS ARE BEING MADE NOW AS WE SPEAK FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE. I'LL BE THERE AND I HOPE YOU WILL TOO! SO SAVE THE DATE!

With Fraternal Love,
Mary Ann

“We See but we do not See”

A story by Hidayah Amin

A few colleagues and I went shopping in Kuala Lumpur (KL). It was after all the Malaysia Mega Sale!! We wanted to profit from the strong Singapore dollar. So off we went, shopping, eating and hanging out, enjoying the sights and sounds of KL. I remember one particular night when we were hailing a taxi to go back to our hotel. The taxi drivers drove past us only stopping to tell us the flat rate for the ride. What? This is obscene! What’s the meter there for? For decoration we grumbled! Even though we could easily afford the increased rate, we did not want to compromise our principles and hence waited for other taxis to come by. We spouted all possible comments, from the inefficient transportation system to corruption to issues of international relations. Even though fatigue grew with the night, our might did not waiver.

One of my colleagues ran to an approaching taxi only to slam the door hard at the taxi driver who was out to make more quick ringgits. I then noticed a teenage boy standing quietly behind my colleague. Gosh, we polite Singaporeans actually cut in someone else’s path. As I apologized to the boy, I saw a man holding on to his arm. The previously hidden old man wearing a songkok (traditional Malay cap) said to me, “Tak apa, rumah kita dekat” (It’s alright, our house is near). Then only did I realize that the old man was blind!! We actually cut in a blind man’s way! How selfish can we be? Even though our actions were unintentional, we had forgotten (even for a brief moment) that there might be others who wanted to go home too. I felt so bad and apologized to the well-mannered boy and his father. They just smiled and did not even say anything nasty to us. If the reverse happened, wouldn’t we hurl vulgarities? But no...the man and his son even apologized for the irate taxi drivers. They told us to go ahead and take the next taxi. They could wait, they say. At that point, I wanted to give the old man some money. But why? He wasn’t begging. Sure I pitied his blind state and all. Perhaps I wanted to make him forget our rudeness. Shame on me for even thinking that money

could erase ugly impressions! As I crossed the road, I saw him and his son still standing patiently by the roadside. We all see but do we really see? Do we really see the goodness in people? Or do we only pretend to see when we are actually blind?

Printed with approval from Hidayah Amin

COMMENTS:

Please forgive the lateness of this latest edition of the PA Tapestry. Family events took the spotlight lately. My niece Katy, who many of you know as our little ambassador to AΔK as I call her, won Homecoming Queen from her High School. She was just happy to be one of the final five and was totally surprised by her win. The next evening was spent at a black tie dinner watching as my youngest brother received the prestigious Cameo of Caring Nursing Award. He was also quite shocked and surprised by it all. This then brought in the family from out of town who of course stayed with me. So here I finally am. Thanks for your patience.

Keep up the great works in Alpha Delta Kappa!

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