

ALPHA PHI LINES

ALPHA PHI CHAPTER PERRY & SPENCER COUNTIES

FEBRUARY 2015

President's Message

Happy New Year!

The annual holiday gathering held at The Patio Steakhouse was an evening of fellowship and fundraising. After a brief business meeting, a holiday-themed guessing game, and a festive song members enjoyed a delicious meal- all the while bidding on a large selection of crafts, tasty treats, gift items, and donated tickets and certificates as part of our traditional silent auction! The auction had a record breaking profit, and everyone went home with a smile on their face and possibly even a goody or two to enjoy! Thank you to the hostesses for a lovely evening.

Our February 7th meeting will be held at the St. Meinrad Archabbey. The business for the day will be accepting nomination forms for new members and recruitment grants, as well as discussing our chapter's Strategic Action Plan. A tour of the Abbey will follow lunch to end the day.

Don't forget! Mini Grant, Travel Grant, and State Scholarship applications can be turned in at any time throughout the year, and only take a few minutes to complete. Applications for the International Scholarship that awards \$6000 for Master's Degree work and \$10,000 for Doctoral Degree work is due February 1st. If this is something that interests you and you would like more information please let me know and I can get forms and information to you!

I will end with a bit of history.....

On January 26, 1938 Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, the founder of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International traveled to Indiana to install Alpha Chapter in Bloomington. Three days later- January 29, 1938- Dr. Blanton and Alpha Chapter journeyed to the

Hotel Lincoln in Indianapolis, where Alpha Epsilon State was installed. Dr. Blanton and two members of the newly formed Alpha Chapter initiated the 17 Founders of Alpha Epsilon State. The Founders represented all geographic areas of Indiana and ranged from elementary teachers through educators at the University level.

As 2015 kicks off let us reflect on our rich history and dedicate ourselves to strengthening the Alpha Phi Chapter and cultivating an organization those 17 Founders envisioned so many years ago.

Happy 77th Birthday Alpha Epsilon State!

December 8 Meeting

The Alpha Phi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met on December 8, 2014 at the Patio Steak House. President Stephanie Walsh called the meeting to order. Following society business, dinner and a silent auction followed. As usual the annual auction was a success. A good time was had by all.

In Tribute

Irene Flamion, 91, passed away on December 7, 2014. Irene was initiated into our chapter in 1971. She was a teacher for Perry Central Community Schools. She retired in 1991. She is survived by her children, Carolyn Pfeiffer, Roger Flamion, Diana Wright, Ralph Flamion, and Linda Avenatti.

Susan Grundhoefer, 60, was tragically killed in an auto accident on December 28, 2014. Susan was initiated into our chapter in 1983. She retired from North Spencer School Corporation in 2012 after serving 15 years as principal of Heritage Hills Middle School. She is survived by her husband Bernie, daughters Amber Wetzell, Tara Thacker, Denise Scott, and son Seth.

News from Members

Kelli Braunecker ran the Indianapolis Santa Hustle Half-Marathon on December 21. It was her second half-marathon. She also ran the Queen Bee Half-Marathon on October 11. Her next race is a 10K at Disney World on February 21. Running is her form of meditation and stress relief!

Attachment

On the final page you will find a form for all members to compete prior to the February meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting please complete the form and return it to Stephanie Walsh before the meeting. The information will be used to develop our Strategic Action Plan. Her address is:

929 16th St.

Tell City, IN 47586

February Meeting

Saturday, February 7, 2015

St. Meinrad Archabbey

St. Meinrad IN

11:00 a.m.

Business: Recruitment Grant Candidates Submitted

Read Membership Recommendations

Program: Tour

Lunch: Cafeteria - \$7.00

Hostesses: Joan Melsheimer, Chr., Joan Grose, Francie Wagner

Chapter Assessment

Strengths: (What are your chapter's/DKG's most valuable member benefits?)
(What are the strengths of your individual members?)

Weaknesses: (Any reoccurring problems, things you want to improve upon?)

Opportunities: (Look at opportunities both within and outside of DKG.)

Threats: (What obstacles stand in the way of achieving chapter's vision?)