**Alpha Delta Newsletter - - November, 2019**

**Illinois State Organization, ALPHA DELTA CHAPTER # 28 Cook County, Illinois**

**Mission:**  *The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.*

**Vision:** *Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide*

**Chapter Theme:** *Making a Difference*

**Chapter Focus:** *Sharing our Choices for Action*

**Dear Alpha Delta Chapter Members,**

**\*We met at Old St. Mary’s Church on Saturday, November 2, 2019. Carole Ireland’s daughter, Heather and brother, Welby** joined us for the White Rose Ceremony. Lovely tributes were shared. We also **celebrated our 78th year** with a listing of members, speakers and locations of meetings during the 1940’s. **Joanne Kiewicz sent information** from the Legislative Seminar she attended in Springfield. After chapter business, Panera Bread lunches, fruit, and birthday cupcakes were enjoyed. **Members** then **shared an object or story** that **Made A Difference** in their lives. **Poignant stories** were told of transitioning to a new home, the impact of nieces, nephews and grandchildren, benefits of Naturalization, facing and overcoming challenges, treasured family keepsakes, the joys of advocacy , and the camaraderie with 89 participants who learned how their donations to our State Project, Building Shallow Wells in Malawi, truly made a difference.

**\*Reminder to those who go on FACEBOOK - - - President Bev Johns, our 2019-2021 Illinois State Organization President,** has encouraged us to **LIKE the State Facebook page at: DKG-Illinois key women educators.** Bev posts news about DKG and our Illinois chapters every day.

**\*Six (6) Chapter Leaders for the 2020-2022 Biennium will have three (3) opportunities to attend training from our State Leaders.** The President, Treasurer, and Chairs of Membership, Finance, Educational Excellence and Communications & Marketing may attend the Leadership Academy Collaborative Workshop one day before Convention on Friday, **April 24, 2020** at the Marriott Airport St. Louis. The second date is on **June 6, 2020** at Bradley University. The third training takes place at the IEA Office in Bloomington-Normal on **July 16, 2020**.

**\*Plan to attend the Illinois State Organization Convention** – Call the Marriott Airport St. Louis Hotel now for reservations – 314-423-9700 for April 24-26, 2020!!!

**\*If interested in conducting a workshop at State Convention,** all proposals are due by **December 15, 2019.** Check the state website for information and forms.

**\*State Scholarship Applications and Special Study Stipends** are on the state website and due to Scholarships Chair Delores Jones by **January 9, 2020**.

**\*Visit our Chapter Website.** Check out the “**Literacy Corner**” to answer the BIG QUESTION. Where Will Your Reading Take You? LOOK for reviews, colorful book covers and many great reading suggestions!

**\*Consider inviting a key woman educator – or two. Send completed forms for all candidates for membership to Chair Rosemary Smith ASAP.**

**\*Reminders and Upcoming Events – Please set your calendars**:

* **December 14, 2019** – Our next Chapter Meeting is at Colletti’s Restaurant, 11:30 A.M.

We will have “Zentangle Fun” as we create beautiful greeting cards with Cindy Roder.

* **January 25, 2020** – Chapter Meeting – La Villa Banquets, 11:30 A.M. Dr. Roxanne Owens will share Learning Strategies to Teach About the Titanic.
* **May 16, 2020** – Chapter Meeting – Prime Time Restaurant, 11:30 A.M. Induction of New Members; Installation of 2020-2022 Officers; “Reflections from Within” with

 Donna Soukup

* **Saturday, March 7, 2020 11:30 A.M**.

**Cook County Coordinating Council Annual Awards Luncheon,**

Wilmette Golf Club, 3900 Fairway Drive, Wilmette, IL 847-256-9777

* **Friday-Sunday, April 24-26, 2020**

**Illinois State Organization Convention**, Marriott Airport St. Louis, in St. Louis, MO

* **Tuesday-Thursday, June 23-25, 2020**

**Creative Arts Retreat at Allerton Park,** in Monticello, IL. Forms are available on the State Website. Registration is now OPEN.

* **Tuesday-Saturday, July 7-11, 2020**

**DKG International Convention,** Philadelphia, PA. Registration opens in January, 2020.

**\*\* Let’s Make A Difference \*\***

**Have you spoken lately to a chapter member?**

Is there someone whom you have missed seeing at our meetings? Perhaps it was someone you sponsored or who sponsored you. Check and see if anyone needs a ride to a meeting. How nice it would be to receive a call from someone who cares!

**Happy Birthday Greetings**

**November –** Joanne Kiewicz, Brenda Harris, Peggy Jackson-Edwards

**December –** Ellie Sotirova, Liane Troy, Beverly Bennett

**Have a WONDERFUL Thanksgiving with many blessings and much good health to all.**

**Pat**