

Jottings from Jan



RECIPES FOR HAPPINESS

This time of year, I spend lots of time reading recipes. I revisit old favorites, written in the hand of my grandmother, and experiment with new possibilities, straight from the pages of Ina's new cookbook. My menus will reflect a balance between the old and the new, which hopefully will combine to make everyone happy. For me, preparing these menus is not unlike writing the agenda for a meeting with our sorority sisters. We look forward to hearing from the chairs of our established philanthropic endeavors, while at the same time anticipate new challenges offered by enthusiastic members with a vision that we can turn into a reality. We strive for a balance to keep our meetings fresh, yet comfortable. Are we succeeding in making you happy? Please share your suggestions to ensure that your voice is heard in this impressive organization.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND APPLICATIONS

As a sister of Alpha Nu, you are asked to participate in a variety of benevolent projects and, in doing so, you are truly making a difference in our community. But have you asked yourself what membership in DKG can do for you? Now is the perfect time of year to consider applying for international and state scholarships. Visit the following websites: <https://www.dkg.org/content/2015-international-scholarship-application-form-12> and <http://www.alphaalphapa.com/awardsapplications.html>. It is absolutely essential to pay attention to dates for final submission. International and state scholarship requests, as well as application for the Nancy Grove Visionary Fund, are required by February 1st. The State Achievement Award submission is due by March 15th; the Album of Distinction application is due by April 1st. If you will be applying for any of these awards, please contact me as soon as possible.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A WORKSHOP PRESENTER?

The 2015 Northeast Regional Conference will be held in Baltimore from July 8-11, 2015. The planning committee is looking for sessions to address one of the following areas: technology, 21st-century teaching and learning, personal & professional growth, DKG Society information. Would you like to be a presenter for one of these breakout sessions? Applications can be found at www.dkg.org, under events, then conferences. The deadline for application is January 10, 2015.



CONGRATULATIONS TO BETH AUWARTER!

Beth has attained Society Website Certification from DKG International. The number of hours that Beth has spent learning, creating and editing should only be matched by the amount of praise that we shower upon our web mistress. Beth's goal for our new website is to have it replace all chapter communiqués previously distributed on paper. Certainly if you are reading this newsletter on the Alpha Nu website (dkgpaaalphanu.weebly.com), we are moving closer to achieving this goal. If you have not already congratulated Beth personally for her impressive accomplishment, you can do so at our December meeting.

Remember that your reservation for breakfast must be received by November 26th. If your check will arrive late, contact Nancy Sheehy at njshe@aol.com.

Checklist

Here are some items you may want to remember to bring to our December meeting (pick and choose!):

Bingo board money (\$5 for 5 numbers; \$10 per card)

Bingo gift exchange (a new item valued between \$10 and \$15)

Blanket and/or children's books for Book & Blankie project

Change to contribute to One Chair, Two Chairs, Red Chairs, Blue Chairs

Clothing for Suited for Success (laundered and on hangers, if possible)

Food Pantry donation

Name tag and pins

Cookie-tray raffle ticket money (\$1 for 1 tkt.; \$5 for 6 tkts.)

Thank you...

to December's hostesses and greeters: Donna Danielewski, Angie Minor, Laurie Strauss and Fran Sweeney! Assunta Deliman will be sharing her "thought for the day." Being a greeter is a wonderful opportunity to meet others and to allow others to meet you. Be certain to say hello to our welcoming hostesses.

Notice of Program Change

At our March 14th meeting, our program presenter will be Susan Detweiler, a children's book author and illustrator. Susan's latest book, *Fine Life for a Country Mouse*, was just published by Penguin and is dedicated to her mother-in-law (and our Alpha Nu sister!), Marian Detweiler. As Kathy Royal will be collecting books for our Write-Read-Write project at this meeting, I cannot think of a more perfect speaker. Don't forget to mark your calendars!



WANTED...

Is someone willing to collect and deliver our donation of non-perishable foods and personal items to a Bucks County food pantry for the month of December? If so, please contact Jan at janobanion@gmail.com.

Love cookies? On December 4th, Michelle Rainier will be collecting cookies for our cookie-tray raffle. Contributors will provide a dozen delectable delights. Questions? Michelle can be reached at mkrainier@gmail.com.

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