

## DKG MINUTES

May 2, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 by President Theresa Messineo.

Theresa welcomed everyone and introduced the Past Presents in attendance: Jan Paxton, Cindy Sokoloff, Megan Connolly, Cathy Cleenput, Claire Swanson, Barbara Ann Ellert, and Debbie Hoeflinger.

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT: Kim Heilig offered "A Life Changing Power of Gratitude."

**BUSINESS MEETING:** The minutes of the previous minutes were reviewed. Debbie Hoeflinger made a motion to accept the minutes, second by Megan Connolly.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Cathy Cleenput reported that dues are due by June 15, 2023, and they have been raised to \$80. She thanked everyone for the Convention donations. Both for the baskets, which were outstanding, and the party room contributions. Several sisters thanked Cathy for her work providing the party room for our sisters to use.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Theresa Messineo reported that the State Convention was a great one. She thanked Debbie Hoeflinger, who presented a session on women in history and Laura Perrius, who presented a session on best practices. Gina DiMaggio, sponsored by Claire Swanson, was inducted at Convention. Cathy Cleenput and Ann Calvin made three beautiful baskets for the Friday night auction.

Alpha had lots of winners of baskets: Cathy Cleenput, Cindy Sokoloff and Theresa Messineo walked away with nice prizes! Laura Perrius was awarded the Key Award from Alpha for her outstanding service to education, the community, and our chapter. Three sisters have been chosen to work at the State level for the next biennium: Cathy Cleenput, Inspirational speaker. (Cathy feels she has been inspired by Kim Heilig) and Theresa Messineo and Megan Connolly will co-chair the Leadership Development Committee.

### **SOCIETY'S BUSINESS**

**Membership:** Laura Perrius reported that two new members will be inducted tonight: Emily Blumberg and Andrea Ritacco.

**Grant-in-Aid:** Pattie Caruso reported that she sent scholarship letters to forty different communities. She read a very impressive resume from Madeline Rose Tubbs who is this year's winner. She is from the Morris County School of Technology.

**Scholarship:** Laura Perrius reported that the recipient of the Margaret Abel Scholarship is Michelle K. Wojcik.

**Program Planning:** Kristin Massotto reported a tentative date of June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Convention:** Jan Paxton shared that the State Convention will be held April 12-14, 2024 at the Doubletree in Somerset.

### **Program of Work:**

Red Hawk Pantry: It was decided we will support this again next year. Laura Perrius will find out what they need before the next meeting. She received a letter from Sandra Ramos, Founder and Director of

Strengthen Our Sisters, who was the speaker for the last meeting. Sandra thanked us for our \$50 donation and asked for our continued support.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SOS:** We will keep in touch with Sandra Ramos and see what we can do to support this worthwhile cause.

**WE SUPPORT THE GIRLS:** Sisters can donate on the website.

**MINETTE'S ANGELS:** Kristin Massotto is looking into this for next year. Website is.

<https://www.minettesangel.org/ourmission/>

**INDUCTION CEREMONY:**

Moderator: Claire Swanson

Speakers: Theresa Messineo, Laura Perrius, Claire Swanson

Inductees: Andrea Ritacco and Emily Blumberg

**PROGRAM:** "Taking Pride in the Big Picture: What we know, Want to know, and What we have learned," was presented by Kristen Massotto. We learned a lot from this wonderful, interactive program.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The State meeting is Saturday, June 3, at Steinert HS in Hamilton, NJ. Theresa asked for Committee Chairs to attend if possible. Everyone else we'll see you in the fall.

**CLOSING:** Meeting was closed at 6:35

The attendance was 25.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Oberndorf, Secretary