

## **Alpha Omega News September 2023**



**Everyone had a wonderful time getting together and socializing at our Welcome Back meeting. Karen Weigel and Cyndy Schaper were our first greeters and sold raffle tickets for our fundraiser that evening. To find out what happened at the last business meeting, check out the new section entitled “Old & New”. Mary Wetterling was the first to be highlighted. See “Spotlight” to find out more about Mary.**



***Remember YOU are the center of the reason for  
DKG!***



**August's Charity was  
Random Acts of Kindness through the La Crosse Public  
Education Foundation  
We were able to raise \$290 for a great cause!**



- We need members to sign up for the nomination committee for 2024-2026. We will need to be looking for a new Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Recording secretary, Vice-President. Would anyone be interested in filling in for Kathy Dressler this coming year as Vice-President? Then in 2024-2025 Barb would co-share being President with you. Then you can take over the Presidency for 2025-2026 and if you need help, I'll be there for any assistance. Please let Barb Albrechtson know if you are interested.
- We need to go through our By-Laws. Please let me know if you would like to help Carol Nelson-Britten and Barb Albrechtson in completing this task.

- Roxanne Fox has already started the photo directory. We still need to add some photos before being able to send out the new directory to everyone.
- At each upcoming meeting we will be highlighting members in our chapter. Mary Wetterling was the first at our August Welcome Back meeting. Wonder who will be highlighted at our October meeting???
- Barb Albrechtson would appreciate those members who have not given her their “Meet Your DKG Members” form and Data Sheet to do so via mail, email or bring it to the next meeting. If you need another form just let Barb know and she will send it to you via email.
- Passed out business cards to help recruit new members.
- Members signed up to be greeters and sale raffle tickets at our meetings throughout the year. October – Carol Nelson-Britten & Mary Swingle; December – Kathy Fuss & Mary Wetterling; February – Marilyn Arndt & Terri Daley-Mack; April – Pam Griffith & Jackie Meyer
- Looking for volunteers to take photos at our meetings. Carol Egge has volunteered to do December. Please contact Barb Albrechtson if you would like to volunteer for October, February, April and June.
- Talked about doing pop-up events throughout the year. Be watching your emails for the following pop-up events: Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army; Paint & Pour at the Pump House \$35 for the class; Mary Ann Gschwind has volunteered to take us on a tour of St. Rose Convent; Christmas Caroling; Making cards with Barb at her house; Possible tour of Leithol.



- Paint & Pour Class featuring Georgia O'Keefe Jimson Weed is happening October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have three members already interested. Come join us. You need to register through the Pump House. The cost of the class is \$35.



This year we will be mentoring our new members so that they will enjoy being a member of Alpha Omega! We want them to enjoy the fellowship of our group.

This year's new member is: Merry Kocar and Sally Emerson



Please send them a note of appreciation that they are a part of our organization.



### **Officers for 2022-2024**

President – Barb Albrechtson

Vice-President –

Treasurer – Priscilla Thibodeau

Corresponding Secretary – Stephanie Baumgartner

Recording Secretary – Jan Marson





## **Committees for 2022-2024**

**Communication Representative/Historian** – Roxanne Fox

**Membership** – Stephanie Baumgartner, Terri Daley-Mack,

**Program** – Cyndy Schaper, Marilyn Arndt, Lois Holper, Jan Marson, Carol Egge, Mary Wetterling

**Scholarship** – Priscilla Thibodeau

**Service/Charity Committee** – Deb Keller, Priscilla Thibodeau, Lois Holper, Marilyn Arndt, Mary Wetterling

**Fundraising Committee** – Joann Zigler, Mary Wetterling

**By-Laws Committee** – Barb Albrechtson,  
Carol Nelson-Britten

## **Spotlight**



**Mary Wetterling**

Mary is a charter member of Alpha Omega which started May 13<sup>th</sup> 1987. Her favorite colors are yellow, red, and blue. You can make any other color from these three. Being with family and friend brings her great joy. How has she made a life? She has done this through volunteering, reading, writing cards and entertaining. It

was difficult for her to choose a favorite memory because there were so many... but she had to say that it was her “Wedding Day” in a size 4 dress. At the August Welcome Back meeting she shared that she and Dale had just celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with their children. Mary’s favorite “guilty pleasure” is Culver’s turtle sundae. She cannot live without chocolate and her friends. Mary does not have any favorite splurge purchases since she has everything that she needs. Most people don’t know that when she was a junior in high school she went to Badger Girls State in Madison. The celebrity that she would like to have lunch with is Laura Bush. She was a classy first lady and she has lots of questions to ask her such as: How does she like being a grandma? How does she spend her days?

Mary has a master’s degree in education from Viterbo University. She taught grades 1-2 in Iron River, Wisconsin. Taught 1<sup>st</sup> grade at St. Pats in Onalaska and then taught at Summit Elementary for 27 years many combination grades but second grade the longest. Her community service and interests are the American Cancer Society, Rotary Lights, Wafer Board of Directors, Advisory Board at Viterbo and Parish Council Roncalli at Newman Parish. Mary has many accomplishments with serving as secretary and vice president for the family business, raising 2 well-educated and successful daughters, a well-deserved retirement and travel to many parts of the U.S. She has published a book Million Penny Magic which is a family history of how the community of Woodruff, Wisconsin built a hospital for Dr. Kate Newcomb aka The Angel on Snowshoes.



**October 26<sup>th</sup> 2022**  
**Fall Theme Meeting**  
**Freight House**  
**107 Vine St, La Crosse**  
**4:30 Social**  
**5:00 Presentation**  
**Zoe De Boer (Ms. La Crosse/Oktoberfest)**  
**Breaking Free of Body Shame**  
**5:30 Meeting**  
**6:00 Dinner**



**October's Charity is**  
**Abilities In Harmony**  
**(Local Adaptive Show Choir)**



**Save your books for the Free Library**  
**in memory of Claire Jandt**  
**At Jandt-Fredrickson Funeral Home and Crematory**  
You can  
bring your books to the next meeting