

## April 2020 Alpha News

*Due to COVID-19 restrictions on venues, group meetings and individuals, the executive board has decided to cancel the May 2020 meeting. Much of what was to be accomplished at the meeting can be done via electronic message as explained below. We hope all of you are healthy and safe and remain so. You are in our thoughts during this time.*

### **BUSINESS**

#### **Election of officers**

We had some guidance from our International and State Organizations and discovered that chapters may elect officers without having a face to face or electronic meeting. Our chapter rules do not require ballot votes:

- 1) the President presents the slate of nominees and states that any member who wishes to nominate an additional candidate for office may do so by a certain time. ( please do so by May 1, 2020. If other nominations are put forth, we will have to have an electronic vote)
- 2) If no other nominees are submitted, the President can declare the original nominees elected.

The nominees are:

*President-* Kristine Mackowski

*First Vice President-* Judith Matthews

*Second Vice President-* Suzette Clark

*Secretary-*Diane Zoller

*Treasurer-* Kate Nichols ( Although we were set to nominate Paula Ptaszek, Kate needs to continue as treasurer until such time that banking restrictions are lessened and when she is able to meet with Paula to show her how to submit dues electronically and transfer name on accounts. We plan to make the switch later when we are able to so safely).

A very special thank you to Patty McIntyre for her many years of service as secretary. We appreciate all that you have done for our organization!

#### **Budget vote-**

Judi Matthews will be sending an email with the budget that Kate presented to the membership at the last meeting. Attached will be a link to a google electronic

vote of yes to approve the budget or not. **Please take the time to click on the link and vote on the proposed budget when you receive that e-mail.** It is similar to what we did last year when we voted on the By-laws and chapter rules.

**Dues:**

Thank you to the 18 people who were able to pay their dues ahead of time. For all others it is imperative that you send in your dues check of \$85 dollars for active and \$50 for reserve as soon as possible. Kate needs to get that information in the computer by June. A list is of those who have paid in case you forgot if you did or not is at the end of this newsletter.\*\* Her address is: Kate Nichols **1400 Rte. 9 Hudson, NY 12534**

**Scholarship fundraiser:**

We are holding a raffle to raise money for our Grant-in-Aid scholarship. When you donate to the fund, you get a raffle ticket for a gift card that will be pulled at our next “live” meeting. Why not donate the money you would have spent for the dinner meeting we are not having in May, if you are able to do so? You may also purchase additional raffle tickets from Kate. She is keeping track of donors and donations. Send money to her at the above address.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dee Hushmendy and the Grant-in-Aid Scholarship committee have selected a winner! Delana Bonci from Taconic Hills was granted the \$1000 scholarship which is contingent on her registration in the field of education in 2020.

The September meeting is being planned to be held at Yannis in Chatham, NY. This will of course depend on any COVID 19 restrictions. If we are physically unable to meet, we may try a virtual meeting. This will give us time to coordinate such an effort.

**CELEBRATIONS**

Happy birthday to the following members! (Don't have exact dates for all, sorry!)

**April-May-June**

Alice Hoffman  
Diane Kreig  
Kate Nichol  
Gloria Autrey  
Lynn O'Connell  
Jaime Boehme  
Patricia Ackley

**July-August-September**

Christine Kachuba  
Bonnie Persico  
Karen Risch  
Patty Wharton  
Mary Elizabeth Vincent  
Anna Marie Bonafide

**Don't forget to act on the budget, paying dues and donating scholarship money.** Hope to see you all sooner than later. Until then, stay safe!

\*\*People who have paid dues are listed below

Mary Boice

Anna Marie Bonafide

Sheila Brady

Susan Campbell

Suzette Berry Clark

Wanda Dorpfeld

Linda Drahshuk

Donna Eager

Tonya Frickey

Doris Gearing

Kristine Macowski

Ginny Nightingale

Patty McIntyre

Jean Northrup

Nancy Palmateer

Karen Risch

Patrice Tomaso

Patricia Wharton