



Alpha Alpha On-Line...

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MISSION STATEMENT

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



MAGGIE'S MUSINGS

It is September and all the kids are back at school as well as our educators who are currently still working. I AM BACK at SCHOOL as well...I have taken a position as an instructional assistant at South Vermillion Middle School in the functional/life skills class. These students are my passion, and I can use my knowledge and work with the students without all the headaches of being the teacher!

A few bits of information...

~We had a decent turnout of applications for the active teacher grants. I will have the ballots ready for our September meeting and we will vote on the winners from each school district. After the meeting we will get checks to the winners as soon as possible. I may need help getting the checks distributed to appropriate schools/ teachers.

~The September State Executive board meeting will be held September 24. I will send an email after the meeting with the most important information as soon as possible and will share more at the November meeting.

~I have not forgotten about our chapter website that will added to the state webpage. With the change of jobs and my schedule I haven't moved forward yet. I hope to have the page ready by the November meeting and share with you then.

~A reminder we will be making candy for the Covered Bridge festival and Sue Weber will getting us more information and a schedule of your time to make candy! Please do what you can to help us increase our funds! If you have any questions please contact Sue.

~A huge thank you to Sue Weber for her work on the newsletter and the program books. She is our go to person for so many things and I really appreciate all her hard work.

Lastly, I have noticed the immaturity among the students. It seems that children of all ages are still struggling from the

COVID closures and loss of social skills. Please be aware and help whenever you can be it at church, other organizations, school, after school programs, wherever you see the need and help everyone get back to more normal feeling. I also want to include older people in this. Many elderly people have been isolated from friends and family for so long and it has taken a toll on them too. Reaching out to an elderly person by a phone call is easy and only takes a few minutes. If you too have struggled with anxiety or depression, reach out to a friend, a family member, or one of us...we all totally understand, I look forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting and all the meeting in the 2022-2023 year.
Happy Fall!

Maggie Sockwell
Alpha Alpha President

My goals for ALPHA ALPHA are the same as my predecessors and may likely be goals for several years until we accomplish some or all of these. The goals are:

- 1) Bring in at least 2 new members for the 2022-23 year.
- 2) Bring in at least 2 new members in 2023-24 year.
- 3) Increase our involvement in the local schools
- 4) Improve our finances by bring on new funding raising opportunities.
- 5) Get more members involved in the monthly meetings and committee work.
- 6) Have a good representation at the 2023 State convention in Evansville April 28-30. We are helping the Southwest region put on the convention. Please be ready to help if you can.
- 7) Become a Golden Key chapter for the 2022-24 Biennium by meeting all the points available.

I realize these are lofty goals but I know we can create a wonderful

chapter as we move forward in the ever-changing world of education.

Please come to our First Meeting!

It will be Saturday, September 17

At Coloma Friends Church

9:30 Breakfast

Cost \$10.00

Contact your Area Chairman by Sunday, September 11 for reservations

Program: Cyndi Todd, "Partnership for Parke County."

Check out our Website!

dkgindiana.org

Minutes of the June Meeting will be available for review at the September 17 meeting.



Executive Board

The Executive Board of Alpha Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met Tuesday July 12, 2022, at Gerrie's Restaurant in Clinton, Indiana at 11:00 AM. The purpose of the meeting was to plan the 2022-23 agenda. Incoming President Maggie Sockwell gave a warm welcome to all attendees. Maggie gave an update on COT meeting she had

attended. Several chapters are already online with the state and national chapters. Chapter chats will begin online as well.

The Treasurer's report was given by Sarah Sykes. She indicated that COT keeps things updated, dues were due by June 30, and members will be able to pay using checks and not credit or debit cards. Treasurer's report also indicated a beginning balance of \$3036.10, dues of \$2,565 collected, state/international dues paid \$2,164, with an ending balance of \$3,437.10. As of June 30, 2022, there are 31 active members and 7 reserve members. It was discussed to make bake sale items for the Covered Bridge Festival to help with the budget. A timetable of which areas and which days to bring food to the Civic Center in Rosedale will be presented at the September meeting. It was also mentioned that a list of ingredients was also required to be on the baked goods.

A report on the State Convention in Evansville was presented. People are needed to introduce speakers and work the Hospitality Room. Unfortunately, things will be expensive, as refreshments, etc, must be purchased from the venue and not be brought in from the outside. In order to meet the Golden Key requirements for the 2022-24 biennium 7 points must be met. Also, program books are being worked on. Scholarship applications will be distributed at the beginning of August with a due date of August 31. Winners will be voted on at the September meeting, with checks being delivered to each winner by mid-September.

Each Area presented their 2022-23 meeting schedule:

Area 3 SWP: Saturday, September 17, 9:30 AM Coloma Friends Church. Breakfast \$10.00. Program by Cyndi Todd- "Partnership for Parke County"

Area 4 NCP: Saturday, November 5 or 12, Marshall Federated Church, 9:30 AM, Breakfast \$10. (Half to be donated to

scholarship fund) Program: Education in India by Father Joby (subject to change). Area 2 SV: Saturday, February 11, 2023 9:30 AM. Luncheon \$15. Program: TBA Area 1 NV: Saturday, June 10, 9:30 AM, Brunch \$10. Program: Founders Day, Memorial Service.

The April meeting will be hosted by the EOB and is tentatively scheduled for April 15, details TBD.

Ideas for membership, committee chairs and members were updated and/or changed, and no other issues were presented. With no other business to be presented, the meeting was adjourned,



News from Alpha Alpha



Nick and Hannah Graham are expecting! She is due in early February with her 2nd baby girl. Millie is excited to be a big sister! Congratulations to the Graham family!



Bill and Dianna Ross celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, August 13th at Beechwood Parke in Rockville. It was hosted by their children-Kelli and Andy Metz, Angie Gray, and John Ross. They had a beautiful day with many family and friends joining them for their celebration.



Sarabeth Marcinko went on two Turner Tours this summer to Michigan. The first was in June to Mackinac Island. The day she arrived was the last day of the Lilac Festival, and the lilacs were in bloom all over the island. Some of her activities were lunch at the Grand Hotel, a carriage ride tour of the island, and lots of time to shop, walk, and relax. The picture is of Sarabeth on the Grand Hotel porch with a horse and carriage waiting for a bride and groom and Lake Michigan in the background.



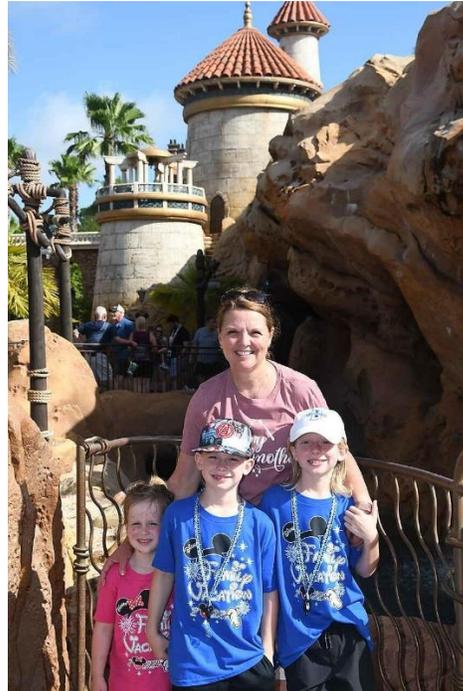
The second tour was in August and was called "Lake Michigan Summer." They drove to Manitowoc, Wisconsin, to visit area sights and spent the night at the Lighthouse Inn on the shore of Lake Michigan. The next afternoon the tour bus took a 4-hour trip across Lake Michigan on the car ferry, The Badger. They didn't enjoy the trip as much as anticipated due to extremely rough waters. You could not walk without hanging onto something. In Ludington, Michigan, they continued our explorations at an alpaca farm and an



historic village. The tour was topped off by an exciting and informative Sand Dune Buggy ride in Saugatuck. They were glad it was on the last day instead of the first day of the trip as their hair was all blown back by the fast trip up and down the dunes. They enjoyed lunch and some shopping time in South Haven on the way home. The other picture is Sarabeth in the back seat of their dune buggy.



Tyler and grandchildren, Jaxton, Hendrix, and Bexley and I had a great time seeing the Magic Kingdom, Hollywood Studios, and the Animal Kingdom. What a great trip to celebrate her retirement!



Jon and Gale Overbey Travel West



Kathy Jones and her family were able to go to Disney World this summer. Her son Zachary, daughter Brittany, Son in law

Gale and Jon Overbey spent the first two weeks in August driving and visiting with friends in Nye, Montana. On the way, they stopped at their favorite "tourist hangouts" in South Dakota (Corn Palace in Mitchell, Wall and Mt. Rushmore Christmas Village in Rapid City).

Their stay in Nye was very "interesting" this summer. During their visit they watched seven black bears roam around the ranch. Most were walking up from the river to the top of the mountain every morning. They are looking for choke cherries that grow on bushes this time of year. Everyone on the mountain thinks the bears are now coming up from Yellowstone, just an hour and a

half away. In years past you were lucky if you saw one roaming the area. One afternoon they took the scenic route, over the Beartooth Pass to Cody, Wyoming. As they stopped to look at a huge gorge, Jon noticed a little black case sitting on a rock. He opened it to find a man's driver's license and three credit cards. He put them in his pocket intending to mail them to him. Jon called a friend in Rockville to put it on Facebook to see if this guy would respond. The guy called within ten minutes and told Jon where he probably lost them. This man was from Canada up in the Arctic near Greenland. Jon told him he'd mail his license to him when he got back to Indiana because he was in Nye, Montana. The man told Jon that his girlfriend lived in the next town by Nye and he would be there in a few days. Gale took his license to his girlfriend who was ecstatic!

Coming back from Cody, Gale, Jon, and the Hoff's stopped to eat at a restaurant in Bear Creek, MT (population maybe 25, and you actually have to have a reservation to eat there). During the meal, the waiter asked if the table would like to participate in the pig races out back later. Everyone agreed and bet on a pig of their choice. There were 10 races. If your pig won, you got \$25. This was a fundraiser for the local high schoolers. One student was chosen and given all the rest of the money collected which was \$2000 that night. (Gale's pig #4 was the winner! 😊)



Corn Palace



Pig Races in Bear Creek Montana



Mama Bear and 2 Cubs

The rest of the visit was some shopping and rock hunting for the women and the men rode the Polaris in the mountains .

The Overbey's were having a safe trip back until the last afternoon in Iowa, where a semi ran them off the I-90 into the fence in the median. Luckily no one was hurt and no scratches on the van.

[Information about the Covered Bridge Festival Fundraiser will be presented at the September 17 meeting.](#)

Upcoming State Events:

State Executive Board Meeting
September 24, 2022

Embassy Suites Hotel
Vincennes Rd
Indianapolis, IN
10:00 am

November 5, 2022

Janet O'Neal Seminar for Personal Growth
Columbia City High School

“Connecting the Brain for Learning”

Featured Speaker, Dr. Lori Desautels

This is open to anyone, DKG member or not.

Cost: \$25.00 including lunch.



DKG Purposes

1. To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.
2. To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.
3. To advance the professional interest and position of women in education.
4. To initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators.
5. To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators
6. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.
7. To inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate in a world society.

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