

ALPHA PHI LINES

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PERRY & SPENCER COUNTIES

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Mission Statement

Delta Kappa Gamma promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence of education.

President's Message

The Holiday Season is here once again, and I know this year will look quite different for many of us. With holiday parties scaled back or cancelled, attendance at Christmas programs limited, and probably more online shopping than in years past I know my "Holiday Norm" will be anything but normal. My hope for each of us as we navigate this holiday season with new lenses in our proverbial glasses is that we can still see the good in our fellow humans and that we can somehow enjoy our families whether celebrating together or from afar.

Thank you to everyone that donated to the Perry and Spencer Counties Backpack Programs. We had donations totaling \$400 that were evenly distributed to Perry and Spencer County organizations. Thank you for giving back to those in our communities most at need.

Remember to collect your Schools for Africa donation this month, using the daily November calendar given to you in the membership packets. (If you forgot you can always go back and "get caught up" with your tally!) When we next meet in person we will collect those donations. I plan to give a brief Schools for Africa presentation at the December 1st Zoom meeting to show you how your donations will be put to good use!

At this time plans are ON for the 2021 Indiana State Organization State Convention being held in Plymouth, IN April 23rd-25th at The Swan Lake Resort. The Convention Committee is asking each chapter to bring a contribution (or 2) for a Silent Basket Auction. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the DKG Emergency Fund. Baskets can be themed based on interests (baking, travel, school, board games, movie night, food, etc....) or to represent our part of the state. I thought we could talk about this over Zoom at the December meeting and maybe a couple of individuals would like to help me organize this effort. We can decide a theme at the meeting and will ask donations (items or money) be brought to our February meeting so the basket(s) can be assembled and information sent to the Convention Committee for advertising and promotional purposes. Be thinking of creative themes!

I am also asking if anyone is willing to put together a poster for our chapter to display at the Convention. The poster is supposed to highlight chapter programs and projects. I would appreciate it if someone could help. Let me know if you are willing to do that.

Since the Janet O'Neal Leadership Seminar was cancelled due to COVID a series of trainings has been arranged for 5 Mondays in January and February beginning on Monday, January 18th. I emailed out the information and registration form. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any further information. Due to current conditions I think it is a great alternative to the in-person seminar.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Zoom Tuesday, December 1st for a time of fellowship and business.

Stay well, Alpha Phi Members!

Minutes of the October Meeting

The Alpha Phi Chapter of the Indiana State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma held their first meeting of the 2020-2021 Program Year at 10 AM Saturday, October 3, 2020 via Zoom. There were 8 members (Susie Knox, Clara Kress, Mary Alice Nebold, Mary Phillips, Sharon Schaefer, Francie Wagner, Stephanie Walsh and Anna Ward) and 1 guest (Louann Oberhausen) present.

We started the morning with a presentation from Louann Oberhausen, Perry County Backpack Program Chairperson. Louann covered the history of the program, the operational tasks, and the current increasing need for more meals being sent home due to the COVID economy. Louann answered questions and thanked us for our support. Chapter Member Donations can be mailed to Sharon Schaefer or given to Stephanie Walsh by October 20th and then one check from the organization will be sent to the Perry County and Spencer County Backpack Programs.

The official meeting was called to order with a time of sharing about Mrs. Betty Wilgus. Betty was initiated into the Alpha Phi Chapter in 1967. Everyone had kind words to say about Betty and all agreed her spunky personality and warm smile would be greatly missed. Chapter Treasurer Sharon Schaefer stated she sent a memorial contribution in Betty's memory to the Troy Christian Church Scholarship Fund, per the family's request. Sharon also said she would take care of the proper paperwork to report Betty's passing to the International and State Organizations.

As we did not meet in April there were no minutes to approve.

Treasurer Sharon Schaefer gave the Treasurer's Report and stated the current checkbook balance is \$721.18.

Under Committee Reports:

Communication and Publicity: Stephanie shared the 5 Star Newsletter Award *The Alpha Phi* Lines received for the past year. A big thank you to Susan Newkirk for creating such a great newsletter!

Finance: Sharon Schaefer presented the 2020-2021 Budget (on mint green paper in the membership packet) on behalf of the Finance Committee. After time was allowed for discussion the budget was approved as presented.

Membership: Stephanie directed members to the pink form in the membership packet that can be used to nominate individuals for chapter membership. These will be accepted at the February 2021 meeting. Members were encouraged to nominate worthy candidates for membership.

Educational Excellence: Chapter Members were directed to the applications for Mini Grants, Travel/ Study Grants and International Scholarships and encouraged to apply. Forms are in the membership packets. (Mini Grant applications are blue. Travel/Study Grant applications are hot pink and International Scholarship applications are purple.)

Legislation: It was the consensus of the group that all members need to VOTE in the November 3rd election.

Scholarship: The 2021 Grant in Aid will be awarded to a Spencer County recipient. The recommendation form was included in the membership packet on lime green paper.

Program Books: Stephanie thanked Clara Kress for her hard work on the program books. If anyone has any changes to their information, please let Clara know at any time throughout the year as she updates along the way.

Alpha Phi Lines: Once again, Susan was thanked for her hard work on the Alpha Phi Lines.

Under the President's Remarks:

Stephanie attended the 2020 International Convention held virtually in July, as well as the Indiana State Organization Executive Board meeting held via Zoom on September 12th.

The Indiana State Organization State Convention will be held at The Swan Lake Resort in Plymouth, IN April 23-25, 2021. Stephanie directed members to the lavender and green forms in the membership packet that are application forms to be a presenter or to share a poster at the State Convention. Presenter forms are due 10/31 and Poster forms are due 2/1. Our chapter will need to create a poster to share about our chapter. If anyone is interested in putting this together, please let Stephanie know. She will pay for supplies if someone will make the poster.

If anyone would like to purchase some DKG branded items that can now be done by viewing items online and ordering from Indiana State Organization Non-Dues Revenue Committee Chair Mary Anne Schager. Items may be viewed by visiting:

https://www.dkgindiana.org/uploads/1/0/7/7/107780149/rose_store-2.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3-pRq3wnw_p3U6BcPPnBCz9RutN7NvU3KVy_WBhS_7owdVAr1oAoLFU58

There will be a brief program about Schools for Africa, a Delta Kappa Gamma sponsored program, at the December meeting. For fun, use the November collection calendar (orange paper in the membership packet) to collect daily donations throughout the month of November for the program.

Stephanie announced a personal goal of attaining one of the Golden Key Chapter designations this biennium. The yellow form in the membership packet details what must happen to be a Golden Key Chapter, Honor Chapter, or an Honorable Mention Chapter.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Emergency Fund has been hit hard recently with members in need due to hurricanes and wildfires. Please consider a donation using the red form from the membership packet, or you can give online at

https://www.dkg.org/DKGDONATE/DKGDONATE/Donate_Now.aspx?itemid=ERFUND

It was also mentioned that our Council, Council 12, is responsible for the 2023 State Convention being held in Evansville. A Steering Committee will be forming soon and we will need to have chapter members on that committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6 PM Tuesday, December 1st at Bill and Dave's Smokin' Pit in Tell City. As that time draws closer an evaluation will be made about whether to meet in person or via Zoom. (Or possibly a combination of both!) This is the meeting when we host our Annual Holiday Silent Auction. There will also be a brief presentation about the Delta Kappa Gamma sponsored program: Schools for Africa. Remember to bring your contribution for our chapter's donation (based on your November calendar answers- or how you feel led to give.)

Hostesses will be Brenda Fella and Ashley Schroer.

Submitted by Stephanie Walsh

Backpack Program

Sharon Schaefer reports that \$400.00 was contributed toward the backpack program. She was distributing it between the two counties. Thanks to all who donated.

News from Members

Mary Phillips went on her annual mother -daughter-friends shopping trip the weekend of November 6-8 to St. Louis and stayed at a Residence Inn in O'Fallon, Mo. We only shopped at one outlet mall, St. Louis Premier Outlet near our hotel. We made our breakfast in the kitchenette of our suite. We ordered carry out meals for dinners so we didn't go in any restaurants. We also toured the St. Charles Historical area. We wore our masks and did our social distancing to observe the Covid 19 rules. We still had a great time together.

My grandson Jimmy Phillips became engaged on October 10 to Kylie Ragsdale of Cary, NC. They plan to marry July 24, 2021 in Raleigh, NC. Jimmy accepted a job in July in Greenville, NC. His fiancé is studying to be a nurse at Eastern Carolina University in Greenville, NC.

In Remembrance of Betty Wilgus

One of our 50 year members, Betty Wilgus, 88, passed away on September 28, 2020 at Oakwood Health Campus in Tell City, In. She became a member of Alpha Phi Chapter in April 1967. She served as Treasurer of our chapter for many years and also served on many different committees. During her lifetime she was all the Society represents-a key woman educator. She performed her educational tasks with much enthusiasm and dedication.

Betty taught for thirty years before retiring. She taught at Troy Elementary School, West Terrace in Evansville and St. Paul's School in Tell City. Most of her years were teaching first grade. She truly loved teaching and her students.

Betty is survived by a daughter Pam (Mike) Wilson, Louisville, Ky; son Brett Wilgus, Tell City and a grandson Ben (Bethany) Wilgus of Lexington, Ky.

Her daughter Pam is a member of Alpha Phi Chapter. Betty dearly loved attending Alpha Phi Chapter meetings. We will truly miss her positive attitude and her smile.