

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

After the fairly recent heat wave I didn't think cooler weather was ever coming, but it seems- at least this past week- cooler weather may have finally found its way to Southern Indiana. For that I am THANKFUL! With that cooler weather one can only assume fall will be here soon which means the October Delta Kappa Gamma meeting is right around the corner!

First off, thank you to everyone that attended the June summer planning meeting and to those that have been working hard to secure meeting dates, locations, meals, and activities for the 2021-2022 program year. Covid continues to be at the front of our minds when planning activities and finding locations for meetings.

Once again this year we have opted to conduct our Fall Canned Food Drive in a different manner. Instead of physical items we are going to collect monetary donations that can be distributed to the Backpack Programs in both of our representative counties. Monetary donations can be brought to the October meeting, or can be mailed to Sharon Schaefer. (Sharon's address is listed in the Alpha Phi Program Book.) One check from the organization will be sent to each of the county Backpack Program directors, so please make any checks out to our local chapter.

At the September Executive Board Meeting State President Stephanie Walsh (name sounds familiar!) issued a 5% Challenge to ALL chapters in Indiana. The goal is for each chapter to have *at least* a 5% growth in membership this year. The chapter with the highest percent increase will receive a small prize from me. I encourage you between now and the October meeting to brainstorm ways we can approach our own membership growth. We need to think outside the box. Possibly having a spring initiation, or more than one a year, is a way to grab members at the right time. Maybe asking potential members over the summer, when their minds are away from school, isn't the best time to recruit. Let's think of ways to promote our organization within our communities so women *want* to be part of us! Let's set a goal and make a plan to beat it!

"When you set a goal, your brain opens up a task list."

~Mel Robbins

For my biennium as State Organization President I continued tradition and had pins made reflecting my theme, *Don't Give Up the Ship*. These pins are now for sale at State events. If you are a pin collector, or would just like one as a keepsake, I will have them at the October Alpha Phi meeting for \$3 each. All profits will be given to the Indiana State Organization Rose Store Fund.

At the October meeting we will be updating/correcting our Chapter Roster that is listed on the International Portal to ensure you are getting mailings and emails from the State and International levels. If you cannot attend please contact me at kswalsh@att.net or 812-719-1166 and we can verify the information that is on the roster.

Planning ahead...Even before the 2022 Indiana State Conference has taken place, at the State level, we are starting to think about the April 2023 Indiana State Convention. 2023 sounds so far away, but in an event planning world it will be here before we know it. State Conferences and Conventions rotate throughout the state's 5 Regional Coordinating Councils, but as luck would have it this Southern Indiana State President gets to hold her Convention in the Southwest Region- in Evansville. Lucky me! Putting on a State Convention takes a lot of hard work and a lot of helpful hands. The Southwest Region consists of chapters as far east as us, as far west as the Illinois border, and as Far North as Clinton and Bloomington, so we have quite a large number of ladies to call on for help. Having said that, in March of 2022 an initial Steering Committee Meeting will take place with at least 2 representatives from each chapter within the Southwest Council. From that committee we will need a Convention Chair (or Co-Chairs) and then a series of Subcommittee Chairs for different components of the Convention. I am certain there will be many ladies from the Council to volunteer to help, but to be honest, I am hopeful some of my own chapter members will be willing to serve on that committee as well. In particular, I would LOVE for the Committee Chair (or Co-Chairs) to be from my chapter so I can work closely with them to oversee the Convention. While being a Steering Committee Chair is a BIG job, some would argue not as BIG as chairing a subcommittee. Being the overall Chair means you are the "conductor of the orchestra" and the real work is up to the Subcommittee Chairs. There are very direct guidelines to follow and everything is spelled out in a Conference/Convention Planning Guide, so it is a very manageable process. If you are even vaguely interested in serving as the Steering Committee Chair (or Co-Chair) or just on the committee as a Subcommittee Chair please reach out to me. And if being a Chair of any kind isn't something you are interested in, but you know you will attend and could help out that day as a Subcommittee member, let me know that as well. I would love for the Alpha Phi Chapter to have a **strong** showing at this State Convention that is so geographically close and so near and dear to my heart as State President. Put April 28-30, 2023 on your calendars now!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the 2021-2022 kick off meeting at the Troy First Christian Church on Saturday, October 2nd at 10AM. Lunch will be a Subway Tray everyone can contribute toward. Chips, drinks, dessert and paper goods will be provided.

Minutes of the April 2021 Meeting

April 12, 2021

Perry Central High School

6:00 p.m.

The Alpha Phi Chapter had its first in person meeting in over a year on April 12. 16 members were in attendance. They included Francie Wagner, Anna Ward, Susan Newkirk, Joan Grose, Brenda Fella, Angela Shelby, Linda Freeman, Kelly Freeman, Susie Knox, Clara Kress, Sharon Schaefer, April Owens, Sheila Borden, Mary Phillips, Ashley Schroer, and Stephanie Walsh.

Members began the evening with a pizza buffet and browsing through the spring auction items. As members ate, Kris Walsh gave an interesting presentation on uses of Computer Science in all grades. It was an interesting insight into the different levels.

The meeting was called to order by President Stephanie Walsh. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, chapter business began. Mary Phillips had thank you cards from Pam Wilson, Mary Alice Nebold, and Shirley Alexander. Sharon Schaefer reported a balance in the treasury of \$695.02. April Owen reported that the Bill to expand private school vouchers is still very much in play. She encouraged everyone to contact your legislators to express concern about public school funding.

In new business, Sharon Schaefer presented Claire Brinkman from Dale to receive this year's Grant-in-Aid. Claire attends Purdue and has a 3.87 GPA. She is working toward a degree in Special Education. Sharon Schaefer made the motion to award her the grant. Clara Kress seconded the motion. The motion passed.

In other business several names were submitted for membership. They are: Ashley Reckelhoff, Amanda Lange, Haley Begle, Audra Lueken, Lacie Lynton, Tori Woznicki, and Brenda Jarboe. Sheila Borden made a motion to accept these names for membership. Angie Shelby seconded and the motion passed.

The State Convention will be held in Indianapolis on June 12. Brenda Fella & Susan Newkirk will put together a basket to donate to benefit the DKG Emergency Fund.

Stephanie will virtually attend the International Conference in San Antonio in July.

The State Executive Board Meeting Will be held in Indianapolis on September 11. This will be Stephanie's first as president.

The Fall Arts Retreat will be held on November 13.

The Summer Planning Meeting will be on June 2 at 9:00 at First Baptist Church, 802 13th St, Tell City.

The meeting adjourned as members continued bidding on auction items.

Thanks to hostesses Angie Shelby & Whitney Keown.

The next meeting is October 2 at 10 a.m. at Troy First Christian Church. Hostesses are April Owen & Mary Carter. Donations for the backpack programs will be accepted.

Submitted by: Susan Newkirk

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OWN STEPHANIE WALSH ON BECOMING THE STATE PRESIDENT!

BACKPACK PROGRAM DONATION

Bring cash donations to the October meeting. Funds will be distributed to the two counties.

News from Members

From Sharon Schaefer: My grandson (J.D). Johnathon Davis was married to Briana Rumbaugh on September 18, 2021 in St. Patrick's Church in St. Mary's, Ohio. St. Mary's is about an hour north of Dayton and five hours north of St. Meinrad.

Due to distance and Delta virus the number attending from southern Indiana was small, but the day was awesome with a lot of memories. Probably a southern Indiana reception in the future.

From Pam Wilson: My son, Benjamin Wilson, completed his PhD at the University of Kentucky and is now an associate professor of English at the University of Louisville. He dedicated his dissertation to his grandmother, Betty Wilgus.

From Mary Phillips: I became a great grandmother for the third time on June 4, 2021. My grandson Zach and Lindsay Foster gave birth to another boy, Granger Odin. He was welcomed by his older brother Daxten. On July 24 I attended my grandson Jimmy and wife Kylie's wedding in Raliegh North Carolina. Sunday after the wedding my daughter and her family went to Myrtle Beach South Carolina for 4 days. We had a great time. It was the first time I had been to the Atlantic Ocean. We were glad to get back home after traveling over 1700 miles by car.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the October meeting.

October Meeting

Troy First Christian Church

Market & Spring St, Troy IN

10:00 a.m.

Hostesses: April Owen & Mary Carter

