

# DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

## INDIANA STATE ORGANIZATION

### ALPHA PI CHAPTER

#### **September Meeting**

Sept. 18, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

Cross Community Church  
315 W. Main Street, Berne  
Meal – A Taste of Bosnia  
\$10.00  
Roll Call – Have you ever  
been uprooted from a home  
or place you loved?  
Program – “Coming to  
America: Armin’s Story”  
Service – Toiletries (soap,  
shampoo, deodorant,  
diapers, wipes for  
Adams/Wells Women’s  
Shelter)  
Chair – Jody Lengerich and  
Karen Moser  
**RSVP – Communications**  
Comm. by Fri., Sept. 10

#### **Upcoming Events**

**November Meeting: Nov. 13**  
Forgotten Children Worldwide  
650 N. Main, Bluffton  
Bring new or gently used  
clothing. New children’s  
items will be shipped.  
Used donations will be  
sold at a garage sale to  
raise money for Forgotten  
Children Worldwide.

Brunch: Richard’s Restaurant

**State Executive Board**  
**Meeting: September 11**  
Indianapolis

**State Conference: April 23,**  
**2022**  
Hendricks County 4-H  
Grounds, Danville, IN

#### *From the President*



As I begin year two of my biennium as president,  
I find myself reflecting on the past twelve months, and I want to  
share a few of our chapter’s accomplishments:

- We held our first online meeting via Zoom in November, which was a welcome alternative to cancelling or having very limited attendance.
- We voted to cancel our January meetings, which were often sparsely attended or required members to travel in snowy conditions.
- We now have a summer outing to replace the January meeting—much improved weather conditions make for a much more enjoyable experience!
- We maintained our membership! We continue to have 23 active members in Alpha Pi! Thank you for your commitment to Delta Kappa Gamma. Each of you is important to our chapter, and I am thankful for each of you.

*“To be called a refugee is the opposite of an insult; it is a badge of strength, courage, and honor.” –Tennessee Office for Refugees*

This quote is an apt description of Armin Nosic, a refugee from Bosnia. Armin will be our featured speaker, and he will tell how he, his mother and two younger brothers—and eventually his father—came to America as refugees when Armin was 10 years old (Armin is now married, has two children, and lives in Berne). According to Karen Moser, “Cross Community Church was instrumental in getting their family to America as refugees. Their story is amazing and one can see the hand of God providing for them throughout their journey.” Please don’t miss his inspiring story!

Marilyn



#### **Nominations Committee Soon To Begin Work**

The Nominations Committee consisting of Julie Reef, Janel Franks, and Sharice Bowen will be asking members to serve in various positions. New officers will be announced in the March 2022 newsletter, and the election of these officers will be conducted at the March 2022 meeting. Serving promotes knowledge and growth as a DKG member. Please give prayerful consideration if asked to serve.

**Happy Birthday****September**

None

**October**

14 Susann Gilbert

**Founder Facts****Miss Lela Lee Williams:**

July 20, 1883-Feb. 19, 1974

- \*father and grandfather were elected school trustees
- \*raised in Wills Point, TX
- \*began teaching career in Wills Point Elem. School
- \*school closed in 1907 due to shortage of funds
- \*taught in Louisiana for the remainder of the year
- \*received position in Dallas
- \*taught in Dallas from 1908 to her 1953 retirement
- \*completed graduate work in primary methods & speech
- \*active in Dallas Grade Teachers Association
- \*organized Texas Grade Teachers Association in 1919 and became its first president
- \*led a movement to improve education that led to a \$400 raise for teachers in the Dallas city system
- \*elected president of the Texas State Teachers Association in 1920; she was the first classroom teacher and second woman to serve-- Dr. Blanton was the first
- \*established a chapter in Dallas, Epsilon Chapter

information found on [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)**Announcing Grant-in-Aid Information for 2022**

Recipients this year will be selected from Adams Central and South Adams. The recipients should be college upperclassmen (preferably female) studying in the field of education.

Selections will be announced at the March meeting and published in the May newsletter. The committee will invite the recipient and a guest to the May meeting for the presentation of the grant-in-aid. The cost of the meals for the recipients and guests will be paid by the chapter.

The committee chair must notify the treasurer of the names of the recipients so that the award checks can be written.

**A Beautiful Tribute to Miss Lela Lee Williams**

Miss Williams passed away on February 19, 1974, near Dallas, Texas. Members of the Administrative Board, who happened to be meeting in Dallas at that time, attended her funeral. At the graveside ceremony for Lela Lee Williams, Ruth Johnson of the Epsilon Chapter, concluded her remarks by saying the following: *"Her thoughtfulness to the new member, to the visitor; her notes of encouragement to those in leadership, to those in illness, pain, or joy, even to husbands when good things happened in their work—all bespeak in the magnanimity of one who walked humbly, of one who kept the common touch when we would have so gladly made her royalty, of one who loved every person who came in contact with her and lifted them up to see their own potential of service. She touched our lives in a very meaningful way. To live in the hearts of others is not to die."* ([www.dkg.com](http://www.dkg.com))

**Newsletter Information:** Anyone wishing to submit information for the newsletter should contact Deb Johnson at least three weeks before the next meeting.

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**Mission Statement**

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