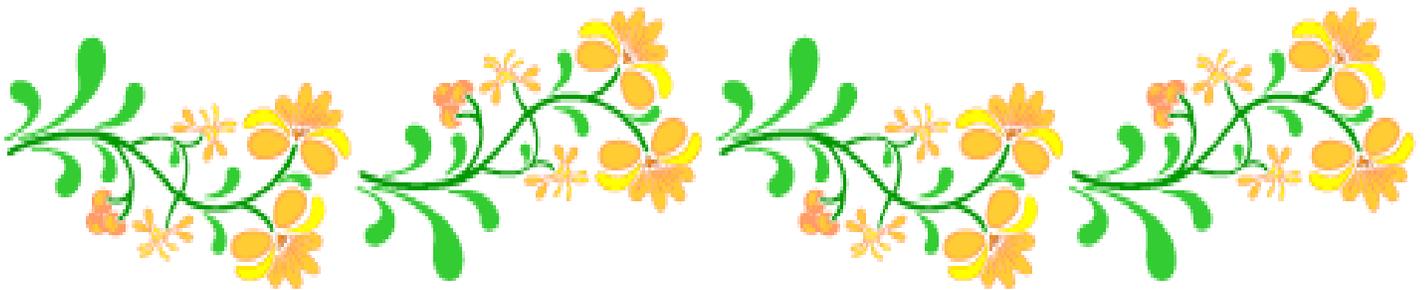




Alpha Zeta Gazette
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
Indiana State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International,
Alpha Zeta Chapter of Grant, Huntington, Wabash and Whitley Counties in Indiana
Mission Statement: To promote professional and personal growth
of women educators and excellence in education.

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President's Ponderings

Spring has arrived? Flowers have pushed up through the soil in full bloom, the grass needs mowing and then...IT SNOWS! Either Mother Nature is going through some type of hormonal imbalance, or Father Time is completely unaware it's the middle of April! None the less, I'm thankful for each and every day. And I'm thankful for each and every one of my Alpha Zeta sisters!

The weather has always been a great way to start a conversation with a friend or even a stranger. With that being stated, I'd like to share a little tidbit I found several months ago while surfing the web: Sunflowers turn according to the position of the sun. In other words, they "chase the light". You might already know this, but there is another fact that you probably did not know! Have you ever wondered what happens on cloudy and rainy days when the sun is completely

covered by clouds? Perhaps you think the sunflower withers, or turns its head towards the ground. Is this what crossed your mind? Well, guess what? They turn towards each other to share their energy. Nature's perfection is amazing.

Now let's apply this reflection to our lives. Many people may become low spirited and the most vulnerable ones, sometimes, become depressed. How about following the example of the beautiful sunflowers by supporting and empowering each other when there is no sunshine to lift their spirits? Nature certainly has a lot to teach us!

Our Personal Growth and Development Committee has helped us all grow as supporting and empowering members, by questions we have answered, throughout the past two years. Reading about how we handled ourselves as students, teachers, or sharing travel experiences, just to name a few, has also created a way to know each other better.

Our last meeting of this biennium will be one that you won't want to miss. We will be installing our new officers, we will hear "Readers' Digest" reports from those who attended the State Conference, hopefully induct new members, and enjoy Vickie Hinen's Founders' Day presentation. What a great way to spend a "sunny" Saturday morning in Upland! Looking forward to seeing you on May 14!

Love to all,

Ann

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MAY MEETING NOTE:

Reservation deadline for this meeting and breakfast is **May 4.**

Breakfast cost: \$5

Email or call Karen Miller with your reservation.

Karen Miller

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765-661-1405

Meeting location:

Upland Pierce UMC

201 N. 8th St.

Upland, IN 46989

May Program

As our year comes to a close, we will celebrate the founding and history of Delta Kappa Gamma Society during our May meeting. During the Founder's Day Program, we will remember the great contributions and accomplishments of our founding sisters in the field of education. As we remember our past, it is also important to celebrate the present. Current members will be recognized for their years of service.

Without looking in your program book, do you know how many total years of service the women of Alpha Zeta chapter have pledged to Delta Kappa Gamma?

Alpha Zeta Chapter Meeting
March 12, 2022
Huntington County Community Learning Center

The meeting was opened at 8:30 am by President Ann Ambler with 17 members and 2 guests present. Donna Ott welcomed Samantha Hendricks, our Esther Mae Ashley Memorial recipient, and her father. Ruth Moreland gave the prayer before a delicious continental breakfast provided by the committee. For our Opening Thought, Roxanne Thomas read two inspirational poems, "Look Up and Live" and "There's Sunshine in a Smile".

Program

A very interesting program was given by Tiffaney Drummond, Director of Career and Technical Education at Huntington County Community School Corporation. The Learning Center has programs for high schoolers and adults, such as Health Care, Welding, Automotive, Robotics, and Criminal Justice. Work One and Ivy Tech are also housed there. After the presentation, a tour was taken of their facilities and the group was treated to a demonstration by the robotics team.

Donna Ott presented the Esther Mae Ashley Memorial to Samantha Hendricks of Manchester University, who is majoring in Instrumental Music Education. Samantha shared her important reasons for becoming a teacher.

Business Meeting

A motion to accept the agenda with flexibility was made by Roxanne Thomas, seconded by Jadean Barnes, and passed.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were approved as written.

Correspondence: A letter from our State President, Stephanie Walsh, was read by Roxanne.

Program Book: Jadean Barnes no longer has a home phone.

Committee Reports

Professional Affairs: A serious discussion about the unused Grant -in-Aid money needs to be held this summer.

Professional Growth: Karen Kinney read another delightful book about Elephant and Piggy, Let's Go for a Drive.

Legislative: HB 1134 has died in the legislature, which is good news for teachers. The bill lowering requirements for teacher training may also have died.

International Projects: Mary Lou Fries led a discussion on state sponsored projects. Roxanne Thomas moved and Jadean Barnes seconded a motion to use \$500 from our Grant-in-Aid encumbered funds to send to DKG IEF Educational Projects. The motion passed.

Cheer: Jadean has sent many cards and updates were given on the following: Donna Ott's sister-in-law passed away, Mary Sells' husband is doing well, Laurel Steill passed away, Karen Bandelier's mother is doing better, Linda Sutton is in Florida after her husband received doctor's approval to travel, Sue Corbin's husband is much better after a stay in the hospital for a heart condition, Karen Miller is doing better, Janet Vesa's husband is better (send texts to Janet at (260) 213-6084), Karen Hedrick is back at school but awaiting surgery to remove her gall bladder. Joyle Allen and Brenda Landis sent their greetings to the chapter.

Unfinished Chapter Business

Donna Ott recommended the following change to Item 3 on the information page for the Alpha Zeta Scholarship so wording would match what was printed on the application form: *Costs of the course work, training, workshop, or teaching tools must equal or exceed the*

amount of the scholarship. Please give information concerning any partial reimbursement by other agencies. Karen Bandelier moved that we make this change, Sue Corbin seconded, and the motion passed.

New Business

The new budget was presented by the Finance Committee. Ruth Moreland moved we accept the budget, Karen Bandelier seconded, and the motion passed.

Nancy Kolb, reporting for Dr. Brenda Landis, presented the following leadership candidates:

President – Mary Catherine Palmer

1st V.P. – Kirsten Jines

2nd V.P. – Karen Bandelier

Recording Secretary – Donna Myer

Corresponding Secretary – Roxanne Thomas

Nominations Committee: Karen Miller, chair (term 2020-2024) Grant Nancy Kolb, (term 2020-2024) Wabash; Donna Ott, (term 2022-2026) Whitley; Barb Buroker, (term 2022-2026) Huntington; Donna Myer, (term 2022-2026) Grant; Dr. Brenda Landis and Ann Ambler (outgoing president – per page 11 in the AZ Standing Rules) ex officio.

A motion to accept the slate by a hand vote was made by Karen Kinney and seconded by Donna Ott. This motion passed and all the nominations were accepted.

Thank you to Jadean Barnes and her committee: Ruth Moreland, Joyle Allen, Myra Schmidt, and Samantha Sutorius.

Remember November 5, 2022 - The Janet O'Neal Seminar will be held at Columbia City High School. Members' help may be needed.

Jadean read the “Irish Blessing” for our closing thought.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am with the singing of the DKG song.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Myer, Recording Secretary



Staying Connected While We Reconnect

The question: What is a favorite vacation place and why do you like it?
The answers:

Judy Kehmeyer She has a few favorite places. One is Hawaii because she first went there when her grandmother took the whole family. She also loves Florida and has been there many times. Among her favorite vacations were mystery vacations she took with family members for several years.

Jessica Vedder She didn't have a specific place but her favorite vacation involves hiking in the mountains and camping because she loves the outdoors.

Jadean Barnes Her favorite vacation spot is Oklahoma because that's where her grandchildren are.

Margaret Wilson Her favorite vacation spot is New England and her second favorite spot in Montana. Coincidentally, she has a son living in each place!

Carol Winterholter She loves Clearwater, Fla. She said the white sand and ocean bring her a sense of peace. It also was special because her grandparents lived there.

Joyle Allen Hawaii is beautiful and breathtaking.

Jennifer Harris She doesn't have a favorite place but has lived in the Dominican Republic, went on a mission trip to Jamaica, lived in Indiana and now lives in Oklahoma.

Vicki Hinen Her favorite spot is where there is water. A close destination is in Michigan but she loves the Caribbean.

Linda Sutton She is currently in Florida.

Karen Swinehart She chose Guam because of beautiful beaches, blue waters, wonderful memories and fantastic people.

Barb Buroker She liked traveling to and attending DKG International Conventions and Northeast Regionals. Barb also chose attending National Education Association meetings in Washington, D.C. because that led to new experiences and meeting people.

Announcements

June 8, 2022 – (CCOT) Presidents & Treasurers – MCL on 86th Street – Indianapolis (Other CCOT sessions will take place via Zoom throughout the month.)

July 12-16, 2022 – International Convention – New Orleans, LA

September 24, 2022 – State Executive Board Meeting

November 5, 2022 – Janet O'Neal Seminar – Columbia City, IN

April 28-30, 2023- State Convention in Evansville, IN (Tropicana Hotel)

Committee Reports– PLEASE review these.

Society Business

Finance: Janet Vesa, Chair

There is nothing to report from the finance committee.

Membership: We are all part of this committee. Invite a teacher to join us for our November meeting.

Nominations: Brenda Landis, Chair

Nothing to report at this time.

Chapter Program

Personal Growth and Development: Karen Kinney, Chair

Professional Affairs (grant-in-aid): Myra Schmidt, Chair
No report submitted.

Legislative: Judy Kehmeyer, Chair
This committee has nothing to report at this time.

Music: Ann Ambler, Chair
“Music is the medicine of the mind.” John Logan quote.
Sing our DKG song and then bring a potential member with you.

Educational Services

Communications & Publicity: Barb Buroker, Chair

Extra special Thanks go to our committee members Karen Bandelier, Nancy Kolb, Donna Myer, and Roxanne Thomas for getting the articles out to the different newspapers in our 4-county area during this 2020-2022 biennium.

Even more special thanks goes to Donna Myer, our Alpha Zeta recording secretary, for her great job/work getting out our meeting minutes, whether virtual or in person.

I hope the AZ members saw the articles in the newspapers and the information provided in the articles was up-to-date and kept you all informed.

An article will be coming out soon about the Indiana State Conference in Danville that I and other Alpha Zeta members attended Saturday, Apr. 23rd.

The committee’s last article will be about May 14th, 2022 meeting in Upland.

A belated Happy Easter to all. Spring is finally here and Summer will be here soon!

Thanks to Alpha Zeta for the opportunity to serve on this committee.

GO ALPHA ZETA!!!!

Scholarship: Donna Ott, Chair

The revised and approved Alpha Zeta Scholarship Information and Application form will be sent to all active teachers prior to the May meeting. Please look them over to see if you are interested.

International Projects: Mary Lou Fries, Chair
No report submitted.

Chapter Business

Cheer: Jadean Barnes, Chair

I have sent cards for birthdays and if anyone lets me know of a member in need.

Memorial Committee: Mary Catherine Palmer, Chair

No report submitted.

Scrapbook: Lori Heuer

No report submitted.

Chapter notebook: Karen Bandelier

Please remember to keep our contact information for you up-to-date.

Darlene Bockelman has a new, permanent address.

13859 Earpod Drive

Orlando, FL 32828

Janet Vesa has moved to Winona Lake and has a new address as well as phone.

1413 Avalon Court

Winona Lake, IN 46590

574-372-6338 (H) 260-213-6084 (C)

And the final change:

Mary Martha Scott

Health Center Rm 307C, Bed 2

Lutheran Life Villages

6701 S. Anthony Blvd.

Ft. Wayne IN 46816

Standing Rules: Carol Herzog, Chair

We will need to be aware of any amendments that affect chapters and write them into our chapter standing rules. Each chapter will receive a list of those amendments adopted at the international convention in New Orleans this July.

2020-2022 ALPHA ZETA OFFICERS

President ... Ann Ambler
First Vice President ... Vicki Hinen
Second Vice President ... Karen Miller
Recording Secretary ... Donna Myer
Corresponding Secretary Roxanne Thomas
Treasurer Sue Corbin
Parliamentarian... Karen Bandelier
Immediate Past President... Sue Corbin

Mark Your Calendars
September 17, 2022 – Whitley County

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