



Alpha Zeta Gazette
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President's Ponderings

Cheers to another year of sisterhood! Cheers to friends whom we have chosen to be our family! May the New Year bless you all with health, wealth, and happiness! I wish I had a magic wand that I could wave to make the last blessing reality, but all I can do is say a prayer for each of you as we begin anew!

The New Year stands before us like a chapter in a book waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals that are worthwhile and attainable. We can also help by sharing a book on Loom! Let's build this library!

I hope you all had a wonderful time connecting with family and friends over the holidays. The old year has passed and the New Year gives us all a chance to refresh, renew, and reconnect with our DKG sisters!

As you reflect on the past year, also turn your thoughts to the new one. Because most importantly this is the time of new beginnings, the celebration of life, and new members! Some areas to consider when

seeking new members are: counselors, corporate trainers, personal trainers, bank trainers, Christian Ed. directors, camp instructors, preschool teachers, librarians, human resource trainers, trades teachers, university staff, museum curators, CPR instructors, IT trainers, food service trainers, paraprofessionals, and yoga instructors. Wow! What a list of amazing possibilities to explore! Changing our mindset from “teacher” to “educator” opens up so many suggestions for potential members! We NEED to find only four new members to meet our State President, Stephanie Walsh’s membership challenge! Are you up to the challenge?

While you “ponder” new members, also be thinking of a DKG member who has excelled in areas other than DKG or who received a special award in 2021. They can be nominated to receive the honor of “Woman of Distinction” at the State Conference. Nomination forms can be found on the state website: www.dkgindiana.org State Conference will be held at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds in Danville on April 23, 2022.

I’m looking forward to seeing many smiling faces on Saturday, January 22 at 9:00 am. This is a virtual meeting via zoom. Get a good night’s rest, fill up your mug with a hot or cold beverage, and wear something comfortable. Be prepared to share one thing you enjoyed doing since our last “in-person” meeting in November.

Love to one and all,

Ann

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JANUARY MEETING NOTE:

This will be a virtual meeting on Zoom starting at 9:00. Be on the lookout for the meeting invitation from Sue Corbin the week prior to our meeting.

Our program speaker will be our own Karen Hedrick who will share “Growth Mindset” with us. The following taken from the mindset website gives you a hint of what Karen will be presenting.

“Over 30 years ago, Carol Dweck and her colleagues became interested in students' attitudes about failure. They noticed that some students rebounded while other students seemed devastated by even the smallest setbacks. After studying the behavior of thousands of children, Dr. Dweck coined the terms fixed mindset and growth mindset to describe the underlying beliefs people have about learning and intelligence. When students believe they can get smarter, they understand that effort makes them stronger. Therefore they put in extra time and effort, and that leads to higher achievement.”

Alpha Zeta Chapter Meeting
November 6, 2021
Grace Lutheran Church, Columbia City

The meeting was opened at 8:30 am by President Ann Ambler with 20 members present. Ann welcomed Leslie Hamman, State Treasurer. After Ann said a prayer, we all enjoyed a delicious breakfast. Kirsten Jines read Psalm 100:4,5 for our Opening Thought.

Program

Professional artists Michael and Jennifer Lude, co-owners of Entwined Art and Innovation Services, presented a program on creativity. They stressed that all children have creativity but it is lost over time. It can be relearned by being open to new ideas and not worrying about failure. The members used their creativity to make decorative hangers.

Business Meeting

Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were accepted as printed.

Program Book: These changes were reported:

Ruth Moreland
914 Mossburg Dr.
Warren, IN 46792

Darlene Bockelman
14532 Jamaica Dogwood Dr.
Orlando, FL 32828

Joyle Allen
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Members donated to the chapter project (food pantries), and to the Celebration and Scholarship Funds.

Committee Reports

Professional Affairs: Myra Schmidt handed out applications for Grants-in-Aid. These need to be turned in by January.

Personal Growth: Karen Kinney read another book about Elephant and Piggy, [I Really Like Slop](#).

Chapter Business

Music: Ann led us in two patriotic songs in honor of Veteran's Day.

Unfinished Business

Karen Miller's request for resignation was not acted upon.

Some are planning to attend Fall Arts Retreat November 13 in Noblesville.

Sue Corbin has agreed to finish Darlene Bockelman's term as Treasurer.

New Business

Jadean Barnes moved to amend Chapter Scholarship Standing Rules (see page 17) as follows:

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Karen Bandelier seconded and the motion passed.

Cheer Committee: Several cards were signed for members including Janet Vesa whose husband is now home. Kathaleen Reese read a letter from Judy Jordan who is now living in Grace Village in Warsaw.

Honoring Sisters' Membership in DKG: Ann presented the following with a rose, certificate, and candy bag:

Myra Schmidt years	5 years	Barba Eickhoff	35
Jessica Vedder years	5 years	Brenda Landis	35
Jennifer Harris years	15 years	Donna Ott	40
Judy Jordan years	25 years	Karen Miller	40
Karen Bandelier years	35 years	Mary Pahmeier	40
Karen Swineheart years	35 years	Donna Myer	45

All others in attendance received a candy bag. Ann ended with the reading of the poem, "I Hope You Live Louder".

Congratulations went to Carol Herzog for being nominated for Northeast Regional Director.

Mary Catherine Palmer led a Ceremony of Remembrance for Judith Mugg. Several shared memories.

Leslie Hamman, our liaison to state, shared a few thoughts.

Thanks to the hostess committee: Linda Sutton, Kirsten Jines, Roxanne Thomas, Karen Swineheart, and Barb Overdeer.

Next Meeting via ZOOM, 9:00 am, January 22, 2022

Closing Thought: Karen Swineheart shared information about one of her favorite authors, Eric Carle, and read one of his books.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm with the singing of the DKG song.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Myer, Recording Secretary

Special Note from Janet Vesa:

Thank you to all my DKG sisters for your prayers and continued concern and support for Ted and me.

Ted was getting his strength back following the heart attack but in early December covid set him way back.

Currently he is at Grace Village in Winona Lake. He is very weak and unable to walk. Because it will be for several months I have decided to rent a small apartment in Grace Village Independent Living.

It is under the same roof as the Healthcare so we can be close and I can take him to my apartment. It will also be good that I don't have to be driving in the winter weather.

Once again, thank you for your prayers and all the cards sent. We have truly appreciated how you have reached out to us.

Love,
Janet



Staying Connected While We Reconnect

The question: Why did you become a teacher? Did someone inspire you? The answers:

Lori Heuer Lori had lots of influencers and inspirers. Her mom (our own Barb Overdeer) was at the top of the list. Many of her mom's friends were also teachers and some also DKG members. They gave her lots of advice as she was growing. Lori said she has always wanted to be a teacher.

Amanda Webber Amanda first thought she wanted to pursue a degree in business. Knowing that math was not her strongest area of expertise, her mom encouraged Amanda to go into education. One of those reasons was Amanda's love of children. Her other inspiration was her kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Danke. (Maybe that is one reason she enjoys teaching Preschool.) As Amanda said, Mrs. Danke was the best and the only teacher she remembers by name.

Alice Sell Alice wanted to become a teacher because her mom was but never wanted to teach the little ones. She pursued Home Economics teaching at the middle school level. She transferred from a county school to high school and thought she would continue with Home Ec. But there were no openings so Alice became a guidance counselor and got her master's degree in that area. She stated that she loved talking with students and people. Alice spent 20 years teaching in the classroom and then 10 years in Guidance. At the age of 62, Alice decided

to retire when it was necessary to take more classes to keep her licensing in Home Ec current. Alice shared more about her influencers. Her grandfather was an itinerant teacher. Her mother started teaching during a time when a female could not continue as a teacher once she was married. However, when the men teachers went to war, that all changed. Alice's mother taught 7th and 8th grade during the war then 3rd and 4th after the war - most of that with a teaching certificate. Alice's mother finished her degree at the same time that Alice finished her Master's degree. Her mother taught until she was 70!

Linda Sutton She always wanted to be a teacher since she was a little girl.

Vicki Hinen She always wanted to be one. She loved children. She had great role models for teachers like Sharon Lamle, Barbara Gross, and Roxanne Thomas.

Barb Buroker She always wanted to teach school. She knew she needed to make good grades in high school and go to college. Ball State was where she knew she needed to go.

Joyle Allen My first grade teacher, Mrs. Berniece Martin, was a neat teacher and I knew I wanted to be one, too.

Jennifer Harris From the time she could sing, she wanted to be a music teacher.

Jessica Vedder What led her into teaching was wanting to help people in general and having a heart for special ed. She likes diving into the intricacies of how peoples' brains tick and what happens when the "lightbulb" suddenly goes off. (She is still in Virginia Beach, but will be finished with her Master's this summer.)

Michelle Ball She went into teaching because of her love of children and her love of learning. Also, there is a long tradition of teachers in her family. She also had positive experiences all throughout her time in school that influenced her decision.

Karen Swineheart I loved school and wanted to teach just as I was taught. There were so many great teachers in my education, but I think it all started at home with my family.

Karen Hedrick I knew I wanted to become a teacher when I was about five years old. Both of my parents worked in the school system, and honestly, it was the only profession I knew. I would line up my Cabbage Patch Kids on my bed and teach them with the chalkboard from my toy box. My Sunday School teachers would let me bring home old boxes of curriculum and I would teach it to my dolls.

Mary Catherine Palmer I became a teacher because I wanted to provide children with a compassionate advocate. I wanted to make a difference in their lives. Most importantly, I remember my teachers who would take the extra time and effort to help me—the hyperactive and misunderstood student who always drove the teachers crazy. Finally. . . I became a teacher to help guide and prepare children for the future. Furthermore, I came from a lineage of educators: both parents, grandparents, an uncle, etc. Every time I took a skills and interest test through school the results pointed to education. At one time, I talked with Chris Schenkel. I thought I wanted to be a sportscaster. I even practiced in front of the mirror and tape recorded myself. That idea was soon deflated with my voice.

The second staying connected question for this year is: What is one of your favorite vacation spots and why do you like it? CALLERS, remember I'd like to have your responses by Feb. 1 as there is a short time between the publication of the newsletters. Thanks, Karen

Announcements

April 22, 2022 – State Officer and Committee Chairman Meeting - Danville

April 23, 2022 – Indiana State DKG Conference – Danville

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

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

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

Committee Reports– PLEASE review these.

Society Business

Finance: Janet Vesa, Chair

This committee has nothing to report in the newsletter. Janet hopes to be working on the next budget soon. When completed, a separate email will be sent out to members. So there is an opportunity to look it over before the March meeting.

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

Nominations: Brenda Landis, Chair

Slate for the 2022-2024 Alpha Zeta Biennium

President	Mary Catherine Palmer
1st VP	Kirsten Jines
2nd VP	Karen Bandelier
Rec Sec	Donna Myer
Corr Sec	Roxanne Thomas

Nominations Committee

Nancy Kolb	Wabash	(2020 – 2024)
Karen Miller	Grant	(2020 – 2024)
Donna Ott	Whitley	(2022 – 2026)
Barb Buroker	Huntington	(2022 – 2026)
Donna Myer	Grant	(2022 - 2026)

Brenda Landis ex. officio

Chapter Program

Personal Growth and Development: Karen Kinney, Chair

Professional Affairs (grant-in-aid): Myra Schmidt, Chair

No report submitted.

Applications can be submitted any time to this committee.

Legislative: Judy Kehmeyer, Chair

Legislative Update

Indiana State Teachers Association has several priorities of concern for the legislative session.

Immediate Priorities:

- Work on and support legislation that involves restoring bargaining rights such as class sizes, health and safety concerns, and prep time.
- Ensure that schools receive 100% funding for virtual learners who have attended virtually due to Covid 19.

Additional Priorities:

- **Address School Funding** - Teacher salaries and insurance benefits
- **Support Staff** - Provide a better living wage and work on staff shortages
- **Social Services for Students** - Provide support for social and racial justice with counselors, social workers, and school psychologists

Retired Teachers - Work on providing a cost of living increase by the FY 2023

Music: Ann Ambler, Chair

When young children are consistently engaged by music in an age-appropriate socially accepting environment, they benefit at many levels including social-emotional, physical, creative, quantitative and early literacy, and of course they develop a **lifelong love of music**.

Educational Services

Communications & Publicity: Barb Buroker, Chair

No report submitted.

Scholarship: Donna Ott, Chair

Scholarship Committee- At the November meeting, the Standing Rule concerning our Alpha Zeta Scholarship was changed. We have worked on the Information sheet and the Application to reflect the change. These copies will be sent to you the week before our January 22nd meeting. Please print them off and look them over. We will be discussing them at our meeting.

International Projects: Mary Lou Fries, Chair

This committee has nothing to report at this time.

Chapter Business

Cheer: Jadean Barnes, Chair

Cards have gone out and if you let me know of someone in need of one I try to get them out right away.

Memorial Committee: Mary Catherine Palmer, Chair

No report submitted.

Scrapbook: Lori Heuer

No report submitted.

Chapter notebook: Karen Bandelier

Roxanne Thomas no longer has a landline number. Just her cell phone (260-402-9140).

Please let Karen Bandelier know of any other changes or corrections to your location (teaching or living), to your phone number or to your email. We want to keep our contacts up to date! Thank you!

Standing Rules: Carol Herzog, Chair

Update on Scholarships--

At our last meeting we amended our Standing Rule X. GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIP C.

Chapter Scholarship to read: "Alpha Zeta chapter established an annual scholarship fund to encourage education or training or educational materials to enhance the classroom that will allow active members to contribute to the educational process of learners of all ages." This change in wording is in hopes to encourage our members to apply for aid to enhance their own learning and/or that of their students. As I read this I'm wondering if we need to add 'the purchase of' before educational materials so it would then read: "Alpha Zeta chapter established an annual scholarship fund to encourage education or training or *the purchase of* educational materials to enhance the classroom that will allow active members to contribute to the educational process of learners of all ages." We are encouraging the purchase of materials not encouraging educational materials. Think about it. We can talk about it at our next meeting.

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Treasurer Sue Corbin

Parliamentarian... Karen Bandelier

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Mark Your Calendars
March 12, 2022 – Huntington
May 14, 2022 – Grant
September 17, 2022 - Whitley

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