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Letter from our President

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“What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness?” —John Steinbeck, “Travels with Charley: In Search of America”
This is true as I drove home tonight from school in the dark, rain, and snow. The white snow on the grass and the trees glistening is so refreshing as well as beautiful. We have been extremely fortunate so far this winter regarding no-school days. We have to be grateful for what we have and remind ourselves to be positive.

Please allow me the personal privilege to inform you that e-Learning days are a “thing of the past.” For example, Whitley County Consolidated Schools voted to add the days at the end of the school year. East Allen County Schools voted to have “Remote Learning Days.” Many unanswered questions surround the policy. Every student has received the schedule for the day. We must have 50% or more logged in. However, the unanswered question is: How is the 50% being determined? By building, school district, or etc? Other factors to consider are undependable internet, parents’ work schedules, daycares not having enough staffing to help students log in, parents watching teachers all day, etc. The main

contention is if my class has 50% or higher attendance - I may have to make up these days at the end of the year based on what criteria the district determines for attendance. I am curious what Wabash, Huntington, and Marion school corporations are doing about “e-Learning Days”? Please send me a text or e-mail if you know the answer.

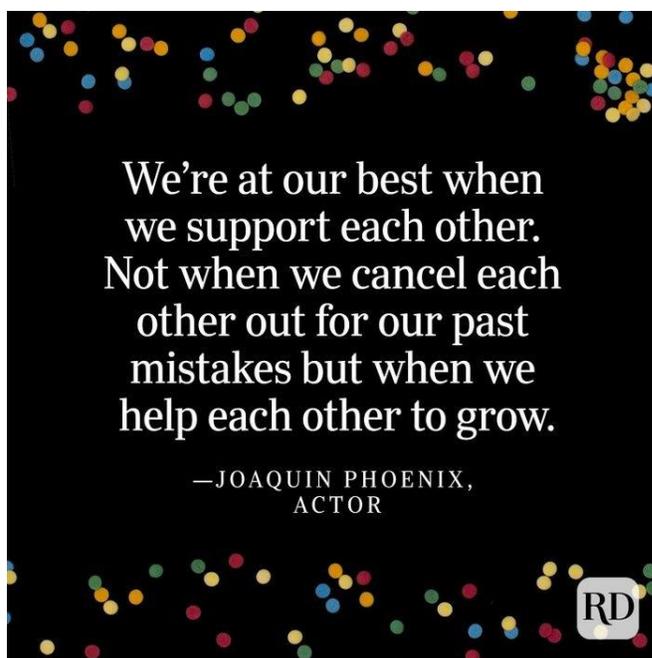
Another concern is the number of school districts in Indiana that have been cyber attacked this school year. Warsaw Community, Crown Point Schools, and more. Teachers can't use the technology. The copy machines are tied into the district's servers. Teachers have to print at home or the public library. They can't use their internet or YouTube for instruction. Personal information has been hacked – students,' adults,' and parents' alike. This is very discerning!

I believe our Legislative Committee will be busy this year keeping us connected and informed!

Nancy Kolb and others will be doing a short memorial about Barbara Ruth Kessie (97) who passed away Thursday, December 22, 2022, at Mason Health Care Center in Warsaw.

Hope 2023 has been a positive beginning for you and your family!

I look forward to seeing all on Zoom!
The quote below made me take some time to reflect.



January Program

Alpha Zeta- January ZOOM Meeting

Jan. 21st, 2023 at 9:00 am

Deb Carrell will be presenting to us over "One Word."

What is YOUR "one word"? Deb will share from three books (different authors) that teach the popular concept of choosing One Word for yourself for life. This one word helps determine almost everything you do, and this principle could change your life. Have you not had much success with making a list of New Year's resolutions?

"One Word" workshops can help you live your life of impact and can help determine everything you do.

"One Word" workshops have been used as a team building exercise with many well-known companies.

Zoom Meeting invites will be sent out closer to our meeting time.

Our meeting hostess, Karen Bandelier, would like all of us to wear red in honor of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Janet O'Neal Seminar for Personal Development

The saying "It takes a village" comes to mind when I think about the seminar. I want to thank each of you, my Alpha Zeta sisters, for making the seminar a great success. You volunteered where needed and stepped in when last minute changes had to be made, I especially want to express a HUGE thank you to Donna Ott, Karen Bandelier, and Sue Corbin who served on the steering committee. We started meeting in June of 2021 monthly and then more often as the event time drew nearer. The seminar was attended by 99 educators ranging from young to older, elementary to high school, and some retired. We received many positive comments about the event with many wishing Dr. Desautels could have spoken longer and had time to answer more questions. I think the following expresses the comments of many:

"The event was fantastic. It was great to be around Dr. Desautels in person. It was just what our school district needed to jump start neuroscience education in our buildings. So many teachers left feeling more inspired. The breathing exercises were a great compliment to Lori's work and the tour left us all with ideas about what small changes we can make in our own schools to enhance the environment." Meg Friesen, Corporation Nurse, Huntington County Community Schools

A word from the Northeast Regional Director, Carol Herzog

Registration for a regional conference will soon be available. Please consider attending one (or all three) of the conferences. Detroit--July 12-15, Phoenix--July 18-22 and Tampere--July 26-29. You really find out what the Society is all about by attending an event outside the chapter. Also, many volunteers will be needed to work the conferences. There is a Volunteer Form to complete on the international website linked to the conference you plan to attend. Hope to see you at a conference.

Announcements

Indiana Hot Topics – contact Marti Daily or www.dkgindiana.org

April 28-30, 2023- State Convention in Evansville, IN (Bally's formerly Tropicana Hotel)

July 11-16, 2023 – International Conference – Detroit, Michigan

July 18-22, 2023 – International Conference – Phoenix, Arizona

July 26-29, 2023 – International Conference – Tampere, Finland

2024 International Convention – National Harbor, Maryland

Committee Reports– PLEASE review these.

Society Business

Finance: Linda Sutton, Chair

The finance committee has nothing to report at this time

Membership: Ann Ambler, Chair

No report submitted

Nominations: Karen Miller, Chair

Continue to think where you might serve our chapter in the next biennium.

Chapter Program

Personal Growth and Development: Karen Kinney, Chair

No report submitted.

Professional Affairs (grant-in-aid): Vicki Hinen, Chair

No report submitted.

Legislative: Dr. Samantha Sutorius, Chair

No report submitted.

Music: Judy Kehmeyer, Chair

Judy has nothing to report at this time.

Educational Services

Communications & Publicity: Barb Buroker, Chair

No report submitted.

Scholarship: Donna Ott, Chair

If you are currently an active teacher, please keep in mind our Alpha Zeta Scholarship. This money can be used to pay for a workshop or training. It could also be used for teaching materials to use in your classroom. If you are interested, feel free to contact me for further information.

International Projects: Mary Lou Fries, Chair

No report submitted.

Chapter Business

Cheer: Jadean Barnes, Chair

Cheer is good. Sent December birthday cards, one to Mary Sell she had fallen in mid-December. As always please let me know if I need to send any.

Memorial Committee: Nancy Kolb, Chair

An email was sent to members regarding the passing of longtime member, Barb Kessie. If you have personal bits of information about Barb, please share that with Nancy so it might be included in the ceremony

Chapter notebook: Karen Bandelier

Remember to let Karen know if there are any changes to your information that is included in our Chapter notebook.

Parliamentarian: Carol Herzog

A new Membership Plan has been brought to our attention after attending the Revitalization meeting October 29. We need to consider using that plan for member recruitment. If we choose to use that plan our Standing Rule III. Section F. needs to be revised. According to the plan a vote is no longer needed to accept a candidate for membership. I will get something compiled for your consideration and get it to you before our January meeting.

Mark Your Calendars
March 18, 2023 – Huntington
May 6, 2023 – Upland Pierce UMC
September 16, 2023 - Wabash

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