



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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Dearest Alpha Zeta Sisters,

My what a difference a few weeks makes in our lives. We are living in a very unprecedented time in our world. The COVID 19 has brought nations to their knees. Thank goodness for the fact that we have technology to keep us connected as we practice social distancing. Education has taken a new delivery route and everyone is learning to navigate all of the uncharted waters. Today, I received an email from our WCCS Superintendent, Dr. Pat O'Connor. WCCS lost a member of our corporation and family. Brandon Faucett, a bus driver, husband, and father; died on May 3rd of complications from the COVID 19 virus. My husband was going to sub for him on Monday the 16th, but we started e-learning on that day. This has made everything more real and urgent. As much as the news continues to haunt us, Mother Nature is still providing hope and promise. Trees are budding, flowers are beginning to peak through and bloom, and the grass is turning green. As long as we can enjoy the seasonal change, our spirits can be raised to a level of awe and wonder.

Now on to the pressing matters of our AZ Chapter. The executive committee voted to **cancel the May Meeting** for the consideration of our members' health and wellbeing. At this time, we are not thinking of rescheduling the meeting. Our next meeting will be **September 19, 2020 at Hope Lutheran Church in Coesse just east of Columbia City at 8:30 am**. This will be a day of celebration with a full agenda. We will be installing new officers, welcoming/inducting new members, learning of any new developments from the National and State officers, and having a wonderful hands-on art program by Michael Lude. Please come prepared to reunite and have fun with your personalized art project.

Our State President, Jo Jones has **cancelled our State Conference in Muncie**. As of this moment the **CCOT is still on** the schedule. Our International President Cathy Daugherty shared the following information: "Throughout all three levels of the Society we must address first and foremost the health and welfare of members as we all continue to monitor the situation and seek factual updates as necessary. The Coronavirus outbreak is creating a very challenging situation for leaders throughout the 78 state organizations that comprise The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. **At this point no international events have been cancelled nor do we anticipate cancelling the convention in Philadelphia on July 7-11, 2020**, unless the federal government issues a domestic travel ban or a major global travel warning. If that should occur, our convention registration cancellation policy would be upheld and either full refunds issued or the option to apply 2020 convention registration fees already

paid toward the 2022 convention would be offered. This is the approach planned at this point regarding international events during this crisis.”

Even though we cannot be together physically, our work will continue on. In accordance with the National Guidelines recently shared by President Cathy Daugherty, our work will continue in the following ways:

- **PLANNING SESSION:** The Executive Committee (current and new officers/committee chairmen) will be meeting virtually throughout the next few weeks/months to prepare for our 2020-21 Alpha Zeta year. We hope to have the pages for your books ready for the September meeting.
- **FOUNDER’S DAY:** Darlene Bockelman will be emailing all members a Founder’s Day tribute. She is hoping to make this an interactive presentation. Be prepared to participate as if we are all together (and we are, just electronically).
- **NEW MEMBERS:** Carol Herzog will be contacting and working with those ladies that have shown interest in becoming members and explain our dilemma. She will encourage them to send in their dues. A lady becomes a member upon payment of dues so we could hold the induction ceremony at the September meeting or later if necessary. She will give them an orientation on line and encourage them to go to the International website to learn more about DKG.
- **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:** This will happen at the September meeting and it will be the first thing on the agenda before we eat. After our breakfast, we will have our Art program and after a brief break, we will hold our business meeting. There will also be time set aside for our Committees to meet. Watch for the September Newsletter for any updates.
- **DUES:** Our dues were to be collected at the May Meeting. We are asking members to mail your dues to our Chapter Treasurer, Darlene Bockelman by **May 22nd**. After that date, the officers will be calling members that have not paid as a reminder. Our chapter deadline is June 15th so that we can make our deadlines for International and State. Here is where to send your dues:

Active Members - \$74.00 and Reserve Members (voted on and accepted)- \$37.00

**Darlene Bockelman
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Make checks payable to: Delta Kappa Gamma Society

I just want to personally thank you for your support of the Apple Bank Project. This money will be used for our Grants-in-Aid for our new Teachers coming into the field of Education.

This letter will be summed up from the words of our DKG International President, Cathy Daugherty:

“As educators, both practicing and retired, our resourcefulness can shine through during this crisis and set an example for other associations and groups to follow. As Key Women Educators we will stay informed, stay the course, and stay healthy.” WE SHALL WIN, FOR AYE!

Yours in the Service of DKG,
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! CANCELLED !
Alpha Zeta - MAY - meeting
Stay healthy and safe!

Announcements: (*Stay tuned for any updates on the following*)

April 25, 2020 -CANCELLED- **DKG Indiana State Conference** at Ball State University, Muncie, IN

Committee Chairman and Officer Training:

North Location: **June 13, 2020**, at Lebanon Central Christian Church, Lebanon, IN

South Location, **June 18, 2020**, at Seymour Immanuel Lutheran Ch. in Seymour, IN

July 7-11, 2020 **DKG Convention** in Philadelphia, PA

November 7, 2020 **Janet O'Neal Seminar for Personal Growth** in Logansport, IN

Alpha Zeta Minutes, March 2020 meeting

The Alpha Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International met at 8:30 A.M. on March 7, 2020, at the Wilson-Vaughan Hostess House In Marion, Indiana. Twenty two members and three guests attended. Prior to the start of the meeting, members were invited to take a tour of the house. President Sue Corbin called the meeting to order, and introduced guests, Samatha Sutorius, Caylie Ganser and fiance, and Mile Kinney. The Opening Thought was given by Donna Myer, who shared many interesting facts about the Hostess House, a beautiful historic architectural landmark which is on the National Register of Historic Places and Indiana's Historic Sites and Structures. It was designed by Samuel Plato, a notable African American architect, and built in 1912 by a prominent Marion businessman, J, Wood Wilson, for his bride, Peggy. At that time, it was the site for many social activities. After it was abandoned in the 1940's, a group of Marion women started a community wide effort to revitalize the building and named it the Hostess House. Since 1950, many weddings, receptions, parties, meetings, art shows and other social events have been held here.

(Here are some of the photos of the main floor of the Hostess House.)



The program, "Alpha Zeta - Japan Connection" was presented by Karen Kinney. She introduced her husband, Mike, who took several photographs during the presentation. Karen shared a book, "Llama Llama Loves To Read", which is great for teaching English as a second language. Members at each AZ table were encouraged to talk to each other about what we love. She also shared the books "Mule School" and "Happy Pig Day"



The Japan Connection originated on May 19, 2018, when Karen received an email from Mari Kamioka, who had seen Karein's article "Children's Literature - It's Not Just For Kids Anymore" in the Collegiate Exchange magazine. Mari is a retired junior high English teacher who is licensed to do picture book therapy with adults and she also tutors students in English and uses Karen's emails in teaching English.



Atsuko Ando is a retired elementary school principal, who runs the first non-profit library for children in Japan.



This new library will be our DKG International Project.

The Japan group has one DKG chapter, with 66 members, who meet once a month. They also sing the DKG song at the end of each meeting.

Donna Ott made the Grant-in-Aid presentation. The recipients are: McKenzie Hart from Whitley County and Tabitha Smith from Huntington County. Tabitha is the granddaughter of Ruth Moreland. Neither of the recipients were able to attend because of college commitments. Donna read McKenzie's essay and Ruth read Tabitha's essay.

The Esther Mae Ashley Scholarship was awarded to Caylie Ganser, who is a junior at Manchester College. Donna Ott read her essay.

Sue Corbin congratulated the State DKG Scholarship recipient Jessica Sheckler. This will be applied to helping her obtain a Master's degree. She is also a candidate for an International Scholarship.



Nancy Kolb offered prayer and then everyone enjoyed a delicious breakfast served by the staff of the Hostess House. A short break followed. Celebration and Scholarship boxes and the Backpack were available for donations.

Sue Corbin called the business meeting to order at 10:40 A.M. The minutes of the November meeting were not available for this meeting. The treasurer's report was accepted as printed and filed for review. Susan Keefer led us in singing two DKG songs, "We're Leading On", to the tune, "Londonderry Air", and "Building Bridges" by Miriam Huelsmann.

Apple Stories/Poems/Creative writing* will be put into a handout for the May meeting. Email them to Sue by April 15th. (*As of April 14th, she has only heard from four of us. Please write some down some of your thoughts about Apples and submit to her ASAP. We still plan to send copies of those to members in May.)

Sue thanked Jadean Barnes for sending cards to members and others.

New Business

The Proposed Budget was presented by the Finance Committee, and accepted by a voice vote of the members.

Jadean Barnes presented the slate of officers for the next two years.:

President - Sue Corbin will be president for the first year, and Ann Ambler will be president for the second year.

First Vice President - Vicki Hinen; Second Vice-President - Natheda Mills;

Recording Secretary - Donna Myer; Corresponding Secretary - Roxanne Thomas,

Sue thanked the Hostess Committee: Karen Miller, Donna Myer, Margaret Wilson and Mary Pahmeier.

The Closing Thought was given by Martha Marley, from "Some Challenges", by Jane Cregan from "Sharing and Caring Thoughts", Alpha Epsilon State. Our Founders had to meet many challenges in their day. Their legacy should inspire us, as a privilege and a duty, to meet the challenges of today.

The meeting was adjourned with the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

The next meeting will be on May 2, 2020, at 8:30 A.M. at the St. Peter Community Church in Huntington, IN.

Margaret Wilson, Recording Secretary

Committee Reports– PLEASE review these.

Society Business

Finance: The budget was passed at our March meeting. If you would care to review it, the budget was an attachment to the March newsletter.

Membership: no report

Nominations: No report.

Memorial Committee: No report

Communications & Publicity: No report

International Projects: Karen Kinney reports:

On March 14, I mailed a check for \$150.00 to Atsuko in Japan. It arrived in Kochi on April 1. During this time period, we emailed several times. Atsuko said thank-you in different ways. The following are quotes from two messages.

“I am very happy to hear that you have sent a check for the library. Thank you for collecting donations in a beautiful Japanese box.”

“Kochi Children’s Library is located on the first floor of the Kochi Prefectural Archives Building. It opened at 10 am today (April 3), but few people came because of the coronavirus. Volunteers took the books out of the boxes and wiped them one by one to clean them and put them on the bookshelf. Thank you for your support beyond the sea.”

Atsuko Ando

Personal Growth: No report

Professional Affairs (grant-in-aid): no report

Scholarship: No report

Legislative: Nothing to report

Chapter Business

Chapter notebook: no report

Cheer: Jadean has been sending cards to our sisters for their birthdays. Please let her know if we need to send any other cards to our members. She is praying all are well and safe and sends us her blessings.

Standing Rules: No report

Music: no report

2018-2020 ALPHA ZETA OFFICERS

President ... Sue Corbin
First Vice President ... Darlene Bockelman
Second Vice President ... Karen Kinney
Recording Secretary ... Margaret Wilson
Corresponding Secretary Susan Keefer
Treasurer Darlene Bockelman
Parliamentarian... Carol Herzog
Immediate Past President... Roxanne Thomas

Mark Your Calendars

May 2, 2020 - **CANCELLED** - Huntington
September 19, 2020 Whitley

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