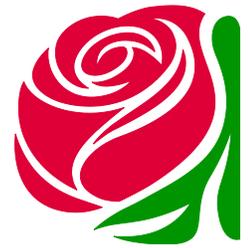


Beta Bits



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Tuesday, April 20

Meeting: Book Discussion
Via Zoom, 7 p.m.

Monday, May 17

Our partner in education, IPS 88
7 p.m., location TBA

Tuesday, May 25

Postmark deadline for State Organization Convention registration

Saturday, June 12

2021 Indiana State Organization Convention
Primo Banquet & Convention Center
Indianapolis

The Presidents' Perspective

Welcome Beta Members!

As the days roll by and we anxiously await the arrival of spring, we notice people are making plans for the near future.

We are hearing about vacations, weddings, family reunions, sporting events, and long awaited in-person meetings. With these plans, the smiles are increasing, greetings are more cordial, people are making purchases again, and, overall, there appears to be a happier atmosphere.

In DKG, Beta chapter members have opportunities to attend April, May, and June meetings and then attend regional conferences in July. We can assure you that you will smile, have cordial exchange of ideas, possibly make a meaningful purchase, and definitely enjoy the uplifting atmosphere.

Our Circles of Care were able to break out at the last meeting to meet each other and share ideas. As time goes on, these circles will find ways to make a difference for our members. It might be that the small thing will be the most appreciated. Please share these acts at our meetings. It might give others a new idea for a "random act of kindness."

We hope that those members who made the beaded pens at our last meeting enjoyed the activity. Whether you are using the pen or gave it to a special person, it may become a favorite writing instrument. For our April meeting be sure to read the chosen book, *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*. We hope all members will participate in our discussion. Several sisters highly recommend this book.

We extend our appreciation to all members for working with us during this difficult year. Your willingness to be flexible has helped immensely. Many of you have assisted and volunteered behind the scenes to make sure our chapter has remained an active part of everyone's calendar! This is one of the reasons we have a strong chapter that qualified for the Golden Key Award. We are striving to qualify in the next biennium as well.

In closing, stay healthy and positive. We value each and every one of you.

Your Presidents,
Sheila and Ruth

With a little bit of effort, Wishes Can Come True!

- I wish I could attend that workshop on being a more effective teacher with virtual learning.
- I wish I could improve my skills in my hobby. (Painting, music, knitting, crafts)
- I wish I could visit the area where my ancestors lived.
- I wish . . . I wish . . . I wish . . .

We all have wishes, but in our minds we too often decide they will never become reality. With the assistance of Delta Kappa Gamma, however, many members have been able to make those wishes come true.

One of the purposes of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is “to stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.” To further this purpose, DKG has made available several scholarships and grants. The applications are on both the national and state websites.

During Beta’s March meeting several members shared their experiences as grant recipients.

Julia Price headed “north to Alaska” for a reunion with former students she taught approximately 50 years ago.



Nancy Goldfarb used a Lucile Cornetet Professional Development Award to travel to New Mexico for an authors’ conference.



The study of her family tree inspired Michele Lefkovitz to travel to Ireland to learn more.



Always looking for new craft ideas, Nancy Hoff used a state scholarship to attend a Fall Arts Retreat in northern Indiana.



A chapter grant enabled Jill Alsoop to travel to Mexico to live with a Mexican family as she prepared for a presentation.



Jan Good attended an artists’ workshop in Massachusetts to further her artistic skills.

If you are interested in applying for a scholarship or grant, contact Jill Alsoop for more information. (alsoopjill@gmail.com or (317) 345-9919)

Let's Add to Our Beta Membership "Garden"!

As we welcome the first blossoms of spring, let's turn our eyes toward new life in Beta chapter of DKG. Despite all of the challenges of this past year, we hope you have your eye on a fellow teacher or special educator who would benefit both our chapter through her membership and her own professional growth.

DKG International outlines a simple membership plan for energizing chapters. See some suggestions for prospective members:

- an enthusiastic teacher you noticed at a district training session
- a talented music teacher you noted directing a school's student musical
- a beloved teacher of a grandchild
- a teacher you noticed while volunteering in a school
- an instructor of a photography or painting class, a master gardener session or technology training.

Once we create a list of prospective members, we vote. Then the chapter mails an invitation to an orientation session.

NOTE: You do not have to ask the teacher first. International advises chapters not to "assume" someone will say no. (We followed this procedure to the letter when I was president. We determined the personal approach still works best. However, we did learn it helps to *vote before asking* – just in case someone objects.)

In the past we submitted a prospect card at a meeting. To make it easier this year when we don't meet in person, please email me the following information about a prospective member:

Name of Prospect
Prospect's Address (so we can mail an invitation later)
Prospect's Email (for any necessary follow-up)
Prospect's Employer (School, district, university, etc.)
Prospect's Position (1st grade teacher, principal, etc.)
Prospect's Phone number
Sponsor (Your name)

Email to Karen Braeckel: thejobs@att.net

if you do not have email, please call Karen at 317 253-4874. Leave a message if no answer.

Timeline:

April 10 – Deadline for sending prospect info for vote at April meeting

May 7 – Deadline for sending prospect info for vote at May meeting

TBA – Summer Orientation Meeting

September TBA – Initiation of New Members

Please help Beta bloom this year!

A Little Bit of This & That . . .

News from DKG Indiana:

Celebrate the Society has been the state theme for the past biennium of state president, Jo Jones. She'll hand her gavel to incoming state president, Stephanie Walsh, at the **June 12, 2021 State Organization Convention** in Indianapolis. DKG will celebrate accomplishments of leaders, chapters and members at the end of a convention dedicated to improving our society.

Beta Chapter will be honored with the Golden Key Award, under the leadership of **Nancy Goldfarb's** presidency.

Three Beta members have been nominated to receive a **Woman of Distinction Award** for accomplishment in their schools and communities:

Julia Allen is a long-time board member and weekly volunteer at the Speedway Public Library, involved in fundraising sales, planning adult bus trips and the state library board review.

Doris Downing was honored with the Mother Clarissa Dillhoff Award for Distinguished Achievement in Mentoring at Marian University Indianapolis.

Lori Schneider was awarded Teacher of the Year at Anna Brochhausen IPS 88 and nominated as one of the Top Ten Teachers of the Year for the Indianapolis School District. Congratulations, Nancy, Julia, Doris and Lori!

One of the proposals to be discussed and voted on at the June State Organization Convention is to combine councils. Five larger councils would be created from the existing twelve councils. Councils are made up of chapters in a region. They plan conferences and conventions for the state as well as optional council events. Thank you **Karen Braeckel** for serving on the state ad hoc planning committee for this re-organization challenge.

News from DKG International:

The March/April *DKG News* contains the latest updates and registration links for the two International Conferences this summer: Portland, Oregon (July 7-10, 2021) and San Antonio, Texas (July 21-24, 2021). *The DKG News* can be found at www.dkg.org

The cost of the conference registration fee is reduced prior to 30 days from conference.

Friendships & Crafts Highlight March Meeting

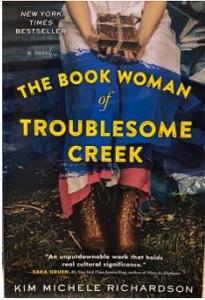
During our March meeting our Circles of Care had the opportunity to meet and share news during a break-out session. The sisters not only discussed what was going on in their lives but also promised to meet (possibly to share a meal!) when circumstances allowed.

Nancy Hoff patiently guided the members through creating beaded pens. These pens were not only going to be used personally, but many of them would be given as gifts. Some members said they were going to use these as a craft with grandchildren!

Ruth Simmons shows the pen she created during the meeting.



April 20th Chapter Zoom Meeting will be a “Meeting of the Minds” Please Join Us!



Katy Smith, Amy Karas and Jill Alsop hope you will join them at the April 20th meeting for a lively book discussion of *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. Even if you did not get time to read or finish the book, we feel you will learn a great deal about customs and life in Appalachia in the 1930's as well as how dedicated and brave these book women were. We have two “special” guests who will drop in for a visit! Don't miss out on the fun!

Amy Karas will lead a discussion on Beta's service committee proposals for our partnership with IPS 88, and other service projects in next year's programming.

Karen Braeckel will set up breakout rooms for the **45 minute book discussion**. **If you plan to attend the business meeting only, please let Karen Braeckel know by April 16th** (so she can remove you from a break out room beforehand and keep the rooms balanced.) Karen Braeckel: call or text (317) 409-3370 / email: thejabs@att.net

Please log in at 6:45 p.m. April 20 so we can clear up any IT issues before the meeting. Members can visit during this time if all is well with your set-up – AND we can start on time.

Here's the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83909672064?pwd=cnExTnM2TjE4OGxUT2ZOQkxOa3pMZz09>

Meeting ID: 839 0967 2064

Passcode: 494561

(You should not need the ID and Passcode if you click the link.)

Questions or problems logging in? Call or text Karen Braeckel (317) 409-3370.

The State Convention is coming soon!

A registration form is on the next page. This is a good year to attend as the convention is in Indianapolis.

Tuesday, May 25

Postmark deadline for State Organization

Convention registration

Forms at dkgindiana.org

Saturday, June 12

2021 Indiana State Organization Convention

Primo Banquet & Convention Center

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Indiana State Organization Convention

“Celebrate the Society”

June 12, 2021

Primo Banquet and Convention Center
2615 South Keystone Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46227

Registration 8:00 – 10:00 Eastern Time
Ceremony of Remembrance 9:15 a.m.
Meeting 10:00 – 4:00 Eastern Time

2021 Registration Form

Each person attending must submit a separate registration form. PLEASE PRINT.

NAME: Dr., Mrs., Miss, Ms. LAST _____ FIRST _____ MIDDLE INITIAL _____

PREFERRED NAME ON BADGE (if different from above) _____

Address: _____ City _____ ZIP _____

PREFERRED PHONE # _____ EMAIL: _____

CHAPTER _____ President? Yes ___ No ___ Council Chairman? Yes ___ No ___ Year of Initiation _____

STATE OFFICER/CHAIRMAN _____ Non-Member _____

There is NO registration fee; however, EACH PERSON attending must REGISTER and pay for requested meals.

Meal: Please circle your choice of entrée

	Cost	#
Chicken Cordon Bleu	\$35.00	_____
Cheese filled Ravioli	\$35.00	_____
Total Enclosed		\$_____

*Special Dietary Needs: _____

Please send check(s) and registration form(s) to: Sharon M. Henderson, Registrar, P.O. Box 66, Medaryville, IN 47957-0066. Email: hendson@embarqmail.com. Make checks payable to: **Indiana State Org. DKG**

Postmarked by: **May 25, 2021.**

Up to 5 Professional Growth Plan Points are possible for attendance at the convention.

I would like a PGP Points certificate: Yes _____ No _____

If you make a meal reservation and cannot attend, you are responsible for the cost unless a request for a cancellation is received by the registrar by May 31st.

_____ *I do not grant permission to have my name and/or photo published in The Hoosier Newsette or on the Indiana State Organization website. Sign only if you do not grant permission* _____

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Comfort Inn Indianapolis South I-65, 3514 S. Keystone Ave., Indianapolis [Telephone 317-565-1417]. The double room cost, including a complimentary breakfast, is \$109.00, plus applicable taxes. Make your own reservations at this rate until June 1, 2021. **Be sure to ask for the Delta Kappa Gamma room block rate.**

After June 1st, prevailing rates will be charged based upon availability.

DIRECTIONS TO Primo Banquet and Conference Center: Take the South Keystone Avenue Exit from I-65 S (Exit 107) west to the first stop light, turn left onto National Avenue for about a block. The Primo Center will be on your right.