

**MAY 2021 NUMBER 6**

**BETA ALPHA ALPHABITS**



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Alpha Epsilon State, Indiana

Beta Alpha Chapter

***Mission Statement: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.***

**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Hello, Everyone!

In the time since our last meeting, many members have been able to get vaccinated. I'm so happy for everyone who has been able to! In addition, the beautiful weather at the start of April has made such a difference for everyone wanting to get outside. Personally, getting back in my garden has helped immensely.

Our March Book Club discussion of *Becoming* by Michelle Obama went very well, as did our April discussion of *Moment of Lift* by Melinda Gates. Our next book selection will be *Educated* by Tara Westover. We will meet on Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, for anyone who wants to join.

If you have a story to share about challenges and perseverance in your life and career, please send them as soon as possible so they can be included in the presentation for our meeting on May 10 at 6:30 p.m.

The DKG State Convention is being held June 12 in Indianapolis. It is a 1-day event, but I think that most would want to drive up to Indy the evening before since it starts early. If you plan to attend and need the registration form, please see the form included below. The form is also attached in the email containing the newsletter. Or you may contact me for one. Registration needs to be postmarked by May 25<sup>th</sup>

Finally, each chapter in the state has been asked to donate a basket to the DKG State Convention in June. Our chapter has decided on a "Made in Evansville" theme, with a variety of sweets, snacks, jams, sauces, and other items made in Evansville and the surrounding area. Please have those items to Darlene Dycus by May 31 so that the basket can be assembled in time for the conference. If yours is more time-sensitive, please make arrangements to get the item to Darlene closer to June 12.

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm. The theme is "Perseverance," and the meeting will feature Dr. Denise Lynn, Associate Professor of History and Director of Gender Studies at USI. Afterwards, we will listen to stories of perseverance from members, and the business meeting will follow. Jo Jones has been invited to attend this meeting. The Zoom link will be sent the evening before.

Enjoy the spring weather!

Simone

***NEXT MEETING: MAY 10, 2021, 6:30 P.M. "CELEBRATE PERSEVERANCE"  
CHALLENGES AND OBSTACLES FACING WOMEN IN EDUCATION, FEATURING  
DR. LYNN (USI) AND INDIANA STATE PRESIDENT, JO JONES***

## **OFFICERS OF BETA ALPHA 2020-2022**

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# INDIANA STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

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: <u>Please circle your choice of entrée</u>	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@embargmail.com](mailto:hendson@embargmail.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 31<sup>st</sup>.**

\_\_\_\_\_ *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.

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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.

**February 16, 2021 6:30 p.m. - "Celebrate Wellness"**  
**Presentation about Relaxation and Stress Management,**  
**featuring Carol Gott**



**CAROL GOTT**

**MESSAGE FROM CAROLYN BUCKO ABOUT LINCOLN SCHOOL SEE PROJECT**



Members who want to contribute goodies to the thirteen teachers can take them directly to the school front door. I was able to walk in and deliver to whoever was at the desk. I don't think we should take anything homemade as we have done in the past.

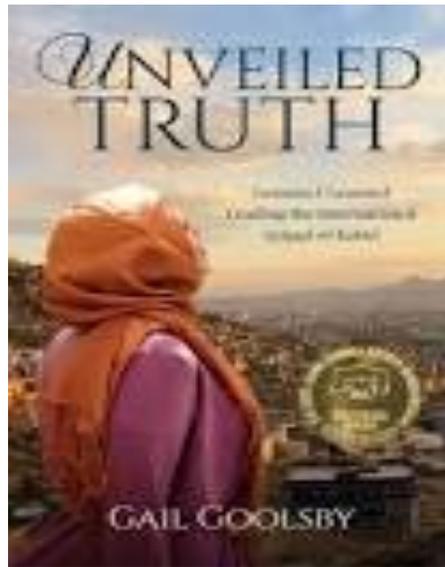
They specifically asked for sweet tea, Mt. Dew Code Red, anything chocolate or salted caramel and M & M's. Kids' snacks are Gold Fish, fruit snacks and mini candies.

If members provide snacks, they should let me (Carolyn) know and send a picture to Darlene Dycus and Simone Nance.

Let me (Carolyn) know if you have any questions.

Thanks! Carolyn

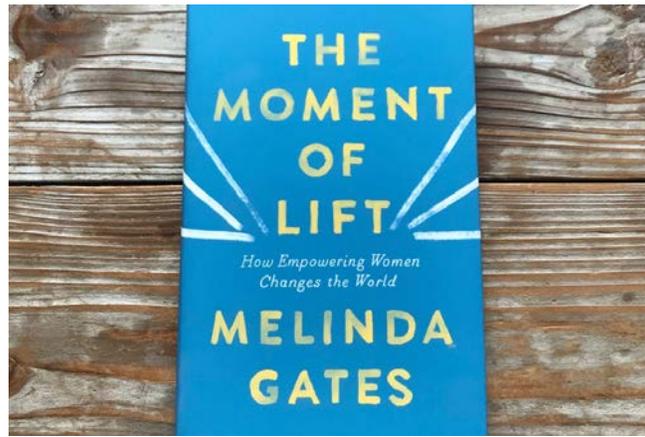
## Past Book Club Sessions



*Unveiled Truth pulls back the curtain of distant cultures and reveals the challenge of overseas living. With humor and transparency, Gail shares dramatic scenes from her seven years in Kabul and unveils the lessons she learned.*

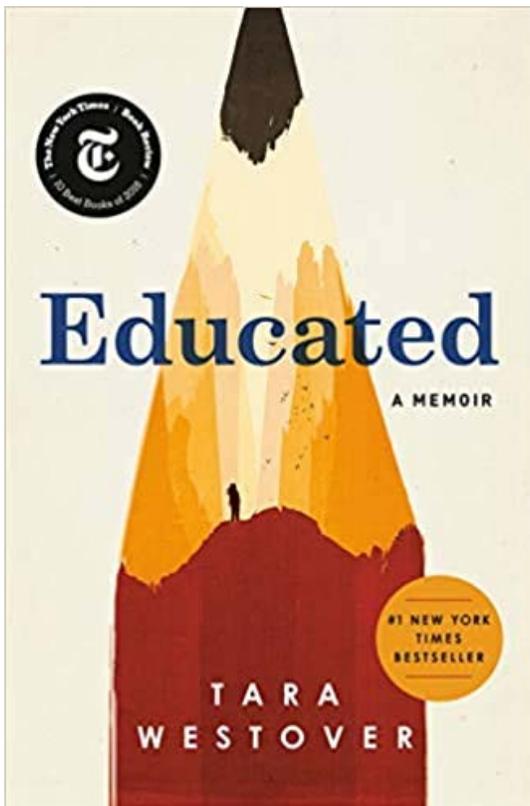


*Becoming is the memoir of former First Lady of the United States Michelle Obama, published in 2018. Described by the author as a deeply personal experience, the book talks about her roots and how she found her voice, as well as her time in the White House, her public health campaign, and her role as a mother.*



**The Moment of Lift reveals painful truths about women living in the most vulnerable areas of the world. Melinda Gates uplifts and inspires by weaving a narrative of fortitude and hope. She pushes us to challenge the status quo and never settle.**

### **NEXT BOOK SELECTION**



**We will meet to discuss the next book on Wednesday, June 9th.** (\*We are skipping May due to the regular business meeting on May 10th.)

The book is available on Amazon at the link below as hardback, paperback, and Kindle versions.

It is also currently in stock at both Barnes & Noble in Evansville and the east side Target (NOT North!).

There are several copies available through the EVPL. At this moment, the website shows there is a copy available at Central, North Park, Stringtown, and West. They also have 3 e-book versions available. There is 1 available at the Newburgh library.

[https://www.amazon.com/Educated-Memoir-Tara-Westover/dp/0399590501/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?dchild=1&keywords=educated+by+tara+westover&qid=1618530750&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Educated-Memoir-Tara-Westover/dp/0399590501/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=educated+by+tara+westover&qid=1618530750&sr=8-1)

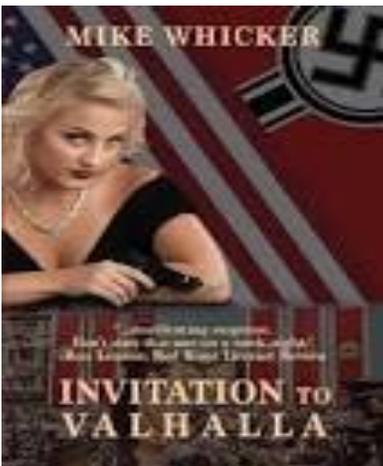
#1 NEW YORK TIMES, WALL STREET JOURNAL, AND BOSTON GLOBE BESTSELLER • One of the most acclaimed books of our time: an unforgettable memoir about a young woman who, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family and goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University

**"MADE IN EVANSVILLE"**

**BETA ALPHA BASKET DONATION FOR THE STATE CONVENTION**

**See below for original information from Jo Jones about the request for the basket donation.**

**Please get items to Darlene Dycus by May 31. You may drop them off at her house at 7861 Ridgebrook Dr. 47715 or text her at 812-430-4666 to arrange to meet or to have her pick them up.**



***So far, the item donations we already know are the following:***

***Basket & Coffee cup/mug- Carolyn Bucko***

***Item from Old Fashioned Butcher Shoppe – Erin McReynolds***

***Book: Invitation to Valhalla by Mike Whicker – Simone Nance***

***Donut Bank Coffee – Simone Nance***

***Stephen Libs Candy-Darlene Dycus***

***Mayes Market Jams and Jellies: Angie Schonberger***

**The following is a list of basket items which could still be donated:**

**BBQ sauce from Marx, Wolf's, Shyler's (or other local place)**

**Jerky or other product from Dewig Meats**

**Flavored popcorn from Pappy & Grammy's**

**A sweet treat from Sweet Schmitt's Candy on Main St.**

**Fudge from Three Chicks Fudgery**

**Books by local authors**

**Art by local artists**

**Any other locally made items you can think of!**

**Information from Jo Jones about basket donation:**

**Silent Auction**

The steering committee is putting together a silent auction. Council 2 has asked all of the state chapters to donate a filled basket or something else that can be auctioned off. The money will go to the Emergency Fund. If you do not win an item, you will also have a chance to donate money to the good cause.

If your chapter hasn't already contacted Sharon Richie with what you will be donating, do that before the middle of May so that the committee can arrange everything. Sharon's email address is [sharichie52@yahoo.com](mailto:sharichie52@yahoo.com). (Simone will take care of this.)

When you bring your item to the convention, include a piece of paper that states what is in the basket, the value of the basket, and at what you believe the bidding should begin. Make the baskets fun and representative, at all possible, of your chapter's area. I know we have candy stores, wineries, bakeries, and other novelty shops that your area might be known for.

This type of auction has been done at the state level before, and I know you will be impressed with the creativity of some of the donors. It will be fun, and it will be for a good cause.

## **LEGISLATION**

History of A New Education Law

Final Regulations: Assessments—Title I Parts A & B

FAQs: Transitioning to the ESSA

Key ESSA resources, including guidance and regulatory information

Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (PDF, 1.2MB)

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed by President Obama on December 10, 2015, and represents good news for our nation's schools. This bipartisan measure reauthorizes the 50-year-old Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the nation's national education law and longstanding commitment to equal opportunity for all students.

The new law builds on key areas of progress in recent years, made possible by the efforts of educators, communities, parents, and students across the country.

For example, today, high school graduation rates are at all-time highs. Dropout rates are at historic lows. And more students are going to college than ever before. These achievements provide a firm foundation for further work to expand educational opportunity and improve student outcomes under ESSA.

The previous version of the law, the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, was enacted in 2002. NCLB represented a significant step forward for our nation's children in many respects, particularly as it shined a light on where students were making progress and where they needed additional support, regardless of race, income, zip code, disability, home language, or background. The law was scheduled for revision in 2007, and, over time, NCLB's prescriptive requirements became increasingly unworkable

for schools and educators. Recognizing this fact, in 2010, the Obama administration joined a call from educators and families to create a better law that focused on the clear goal of fully preparing all students for success in college and careers.

The Every Student Succeeds Act reflects many of the priorities of this administration.

### ESSA Highlights

President Obama signs the Every Student Succeeds Act into law on December 10, 2015.

ESSA includes provisions that will help to ensure success for students and schools. Below are just a few. The law:

Advances equity by upholding critical protections for America's disadvantaged and high-need students.

Requires—for the first time—that all students in America be taught to high academic standards that will prepare them to succeed in college and careers.

Ensures that vital information is provided to educators, families, students, and communities through annual statewide assessments that measure students' progress toward those high standards.

Helps to support and grow local innovations—including evidence-based and place-based interventions developed by local leaders and educators—consistent with our Investing in Innovation and Promise Neighborhoods

Sustains and expands this administration's historic investments in increasing access to high-quality preschool.

Maintains an expectation that there will be accountability and action to effect positive change in our lowest-performing schools, where groups of

students are not making progress, and where graduation rates are low over extended periods of time.

## History of ESEA

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) was signed into law in 1965 by President Lyndon Baines Johnson, who believed that "full educational opportunity" should be "our first national goal." From its inception, ESEA was a civil rights law.

ESEA offered new grants to districts serving low-income students, federal grants for textbooks and library books, funding for special education centers, and scholarships for low-income college students. Additionally, the law provided federal grants to state educational agencies to improve the quality of elementary and secondary education.

## NCLB and Accountability

NCLB put in place measures that exposed achievement gaps among traditionally underserved students and their peers and spurred an important national dialogue on education improvement. This focus on accountability has been critical in ensuring a quality education for all children, yet also revealed challenges in the effective implementation of this goal.

Parents, educators, and elected officials across the country recognized that a strong, updated law was necessary to expand opportunity to all students; support schools, teachers, and principals; and to strengthen our education system and economy.

In 2012, the Obama administration began granting flexibility to states regarding specific requirements of NCLB in exchange for rigorous and comprehensive state-developed plans designed to close achievement gaps, increase equity, improve the quality of instruction, and increase outcomes for all students.

## **MEMBER HIGHLIGHT: LINDA THERIAC**

(Every newsletter includes a highlight of a member so that we may get to know each other better. If you would like to volunteer to be highlighted, please email Darlene Dycus at [ddycus2059@aol.com](mailto:ddycus2059@aol.com).)

Linda Theriac's connection with Delta Kappa Gamma began in 1979 when Leonila Badger, her dear friend and mentor (and first president of Beta Alpha Chapter,) invited her to join this group of interesting, hard-working, creative women educators! Following in Leonila's footsteps, Linda served one term as President of Beta Alpha in the early 80's. One of her meetings included an Introduction to Microwave Cooking!! My how things have progressed! In 2010, Linda also hosted the Golden Anniversary Tea in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Beta Alpha chapter. Leonila's love for this organization has inspired Linda to this day.

As an only child who called Evansville home, Linda attended Catholic schools even through college. She earned her B.A. in French at Marian College (currently Marian University) in Indianapolis. In addition, she added summer coursework in Switzerland, along with a family homestay there, to add to her French language learning. Upon graduation, she began her 38-year career at Bosse High School, which included many memorable trips abroad with students, along with loads of French Club events!! She completed her M.S. in Education at U. of E. with summer French courses at Indiana University.

Linda married her across-the-street neighbor, Gene, (also a public-school educator.) They just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary during the pandemic. Two of their three children followed in their educational footsteps. Amy homeschools her two girls, and Dana is currently a public-school 3rd grade teacher. Their son, Craig, works in the tech industry in California and lives there with his family.

Ten years ago, Linda and Gene moved to Greenwood, Indiana, to be closer to the grandchildren and their families. Linda is "Grandmother" to Kaitlyn (20,) Hailey (17,) Carter (12,) John (6,) and Elizabeth (3.)

Baking with the grandkids, doing projects, as well as attending sporting and school events have lovingly filled Linda's retirement years!

Greenwood also introduced her and Gene to a new church family, (Saints Francis & Clare,) where they have become involved with the JOY Club ("Just Older Youth!") This active social group has provided a great venue for making new friends and also becoming familiar with a new area!

Surprisingly, many of Linda's early post-retirement travels took her to Spanish-speaking countries (Peru, Argentina & Mexico.) She and Gene did not have a "bucket list." Rather, they traveled "by opportunity." If an opportunity presented itself, they took it! But a highlight came when Linda shared her love of Paris first-hand with her young granddaughters! Most of her recent trips have been to California to enjoy the younger grandchildren.

Linda has been pleased to continue her association with the Beta Alpha Chapter. The recent Zoom meetings have been an easy way to reconnect with old friends and to connect with new ones in the organization!



***Gene and Linda Theriac***



***Linda and Gene Theriac with Grandchildren***



***Golden Anniversary Tea Celebration of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Beta Alpha  
Hosted by Linda Theriac***

## MEMBER NEWS

Marcia Onnybecker, Beta Alpha Treasurer, had retina surgery recently and is recovering. Please offer your support.

Her address for cards or notes of support is 2830 Turnberry Lane, Evansville, IN 47711

If you have any member news to share, please contact Darlene Dycus at [ddycus2059@aol.com](mailto:ddycus2059@aol.com). Pictures are welcome!

### **FUTURE EVENT:**

### **INDIANA STATE ORGANIZATION CONVENTION**

### **“CELEBRATE THE SOCIETY”**

**JUNE 12, 2021**