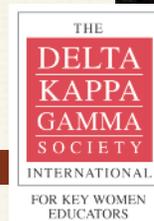


Chi Chapter

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MISSION

The mission of Delta Kappa Gamma International is to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

President's Pen



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Dear Chi Chapter Members,

Although it was not our "usual" induction ceremony, it was a very nice time at the October meeting. We are very pleased to have Tanya Busailah and Dawn Pemberton in our group.

Where has this past month gone? I hope this newsletter finds you all doing well. I cannot say that. At the end of September, I tested positive for COVID. I did not think I had any symptoms except maybe a cough. My quarantine made me delay a carpal tunnel surgery on my right wrist. So, I finally start the 5-day prep of avoiding any anti-inflammatory drugs, and I fall out of my backdoor. I am sitting here with a right knee that is very tender, a left forearm that is healing nicely and a the scab on my head that is getting smaller. Have I whined enough? Thanks for the nice card that Liz Shell sent to me on your behalf.

So, I must say I have not accomplished much for DKG this month. We will get our Strategic Action Plan established, but I did not get the Executive Board together in time for the plan to be published in this newsletter. Hopefully, we will have a proposal for you at our November meeting.

We do have news that the location where we have been taking the bottle caps and lids is stopping their collection at the end of the year; therefore, the November meeting will be the last time

to collect lids unless we can find another location. If you know of a school, church, or other group that is collecting, please let us know.

We still are collecting the food items of 16 oz. creamy peanut butter, boxed macaroni and cheese, or individual fruit cups for the Western Buddy Bag program. They are packing for 140 students this fall. Joyce Hardebeck continues to be our hard worker in collecting food items or taking your money to purchase the items that she takes to Chapel Hill for the program.

We are also still giving money to the Pregnancy Resource Center and feminine products to the Kokomo High school nurses office. We actually have some money to give the KHS nurses. If you desire to support that cause with a donation, you can do that at the November meeting. We also have the opportunity to assist Lisa Ellison as she organizes Christmas cards to be sent to the Samaritan Caregivers' clients.

I am very interested in learning about the Boulevard School's outside kindergarten class that Fran Walker has planned for the November program. Hope to see you at the meeting either in person or by Zoom. It is a Wednesday, so let's wear red to support teachers.

Your president, *Carolyn Thompson*

SPOTLIGHT



Dawn Pemberton and Tanya Busailah became our newly inducted Chi Chapter members.

OUR NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 17, 2021
4:30 PM Program
First Friends Meeting
& Virtual Zoom

2021-2022 PROGRAMS

what to look forward to...

Until further notice, all meetings have the option of meeting face-to-face at the designated meeting place or connecting to the meeting through Zoom. **Social begins at 4:30 PM** with the **program beginning at 4:45 PM.**

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15, 2021

First Friends Meeting
& Virtual Zoom

Debbie Baker presents
*"Yoga Relaxation
& Breathing Exercises"*

TUESDAY, OCT. 12, 2021

First Friends Meeting
& Virtual Zoom

Induction & Walking Reception

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 17, 2021

First Friends Meeting
& Virtual Zoom

Elizabeth Rayl presents
*"Outdoor Kindergarten
at Boulevard"*

TUESDAY, FEB. 15, 2022

First Friends Meeting
& Virtual Zoom

Becky Farrington presents
"African Medical Mission"

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 23, 2022

First Friends Meeting
& Virtual Zoom

**Jet Sundheimer & Cara Jean Rayl
present**
"One-Day Trips in Indiana"

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022

Shiloh United Methodist Church
& Virtual Zoom
Social 5:45 PM
Dinner 6:00 PM

Presents...
Officer Installation & Pattys' & Co.

DKG in REVIEW

Induction Ceremony

Twenty nine members looked on (both present and virtually) as two active teachers, flanked by their sponsors, took their places on the stage at First Friends, readying themselves for induction into Delta Kappa Gamma.

Below, left to right, Tanya Busailah (sponsored by Dawn Johnston) and Dawn Pemberton

(sponsored by Carla Smith) reflect on President Carolyn Thompson's charge to uphold the constitution of DKG's foundation. Both agreed in unison and continued with the sacred ceremony with Barbara Hinkle (in red) and Fran Walker (in blue). Afterward, all exited to the fellowship hall for greeting and cupcakes.



Book Hook

By Susan Stouse

Sounds Like Me: My Life (so far) in Song of Sara Bareilles

Yes, I'd heard the name Sara Bareilles. I heard she'd written the Broadway musical *Waitress*, and I was impressed with her performance as Mary Magdalene in the live TV production of *Jesus Christ, Superstar*. So how did this dinosaur journey from a casual knowledge to become a fan of this smart, creative singer-songwriter? It was thanks to Tina Fey, who can be trusted. She cast Sara Bareilles and three other talented singer-actresses in the funny Peacock series *Girls5Eva*. I downloaded Peacock and started watching and laughing.

The book...you're probably wondering...

Amazon noticed that the name was coming up on my computer and recommended her book. Each chapter begins with her hand-written lyrics to one of her songs. In the text she gives the back story to the song and tells us her history, short as it may be since she's only in her early forties. As we've heard from many other artists, she was insecure and often teased for her chubby body during her school years. I'm sure this is a big part of what led to her success. Her sensitive nature is revealed in the lyrics she writes. She is generous with praise of the many people who helped and encouraged her through the years. You can check out some of her songs on YouTube if you're as unfamiliar with her as I was. I'd encourage you to start with "Brave."

Legislative Watch

Finally, some good news for public schools who are finishing bargaining new contracts. They will see LOTS of new money from the state and a mandate from the legislature to raise starting salaries to \$40,000 and ensure the average teacher salary is \$60,000 by the beginning of the 2022 school year. ISTA website shows which school corporations are starting at \$40,000 or higher this year. Contact Kim Patterson to get set up with ISTA (if a member) to see data on school corporations.

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The current talk for the upcoming legislative session is that there will be a bill to make school board elections partisan; those who run for school board would have to declare if they are Republican, Democrat or Independent. Many in education feel this would only serve to increase the rancor we have seen across the state and country as citizens have been up in arms about the use of masks and critical race theory.



Thank you to all who gave money to Joyce Hardebeck at the last meeting for the Buddy Bag program. Just a reminder: if you need to write a check, please make it payable to Joyce NOT to Buddy Bags as we do not have a tax free number or account to handle that.

So many generous donations at last meeting. Joyce delivered 140 jars of peanut butter and 125 applesauce cups. Western is packing 140 bags each week. That will make Thanksgiving truly something to be thankful for. Hopefully we can provide peanut butter and other items again for the December/ Christmas bags. So, don't forget these items:

Items still needed:

- Fruit cups
- Creamy peanut butter
- Oatmeal packets
- Packaged tuna
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Monetary donations

International Projects

Feminine hygiene items are still need for the KHS nurses office.



Chi Membership

Chi Chapter encourages current members to be thinking of AND nominating deserving women educators for induction into DKG.

Our goal, as a chapter, is not only to grow in numbers but to support those newly inducted members. To do that, we need mentors.

Everyone has something to offer an inductee...advice, encouragement, information, partnership, etc.

How are you contributing to our chapter? Perhaps mentoring may be another way in which to be used.

Remember our goal:

Five new Members
Five Mentors

Contact Carolyn Thompson if you are interested in finding out more about mentoring. You'll find her information on the last page under "Chi Chapter Officers."

Treasury Notes

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA CHI CHAPTER TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance forward as of October 2021	\$3,769.76
Deposits	
Dues	\$160.00
Initiation Fees	20.00
Total Deposits	<u>\$180.00</u>
Expenditures	
Liz Shell-Cheer	\$ 19.24
Indiana State Org.-Dues	51.00
DKG International-Dues	80.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 150.24</u>
Balance as of November 2021	\$3,799.52
Savings Balance as of October 2021	\$2,217.58

Everyone paid their dues for the 2021-22 year. Our membership runs from July 1-June 30, and members pay in the Spring for the next year.

CHRISTMAS CHEER!



Would you like to help bring cheer to those who really need it? Of course you would and we're (Lisa Ellison) asking you again this year to use leftover

cards from last year or use your creative skills to make new cards of your own to give to the Samaritan Caregiver clients.

Signing: When you sign the cards, sign them "Your friend from Delta Kappa Gamma Teachers and Samaritan Caregivers" and then your name, so people know how you got their name, that would be great and appropriate.

Clients: Lisa has 187 total clients (177 cards, as some are couples). You are welcome to take as many names as you would like. She will be glad to give you first names of clients, so you can personalize your cards. Please don't seal your cards, so she can make sure to get them addressed to the right person. You can bring your unsealed cards to Lisa at our November meeting, or she will be glad to pick them up from you.

Stamps: You may affix stamps if you would like, or Lisa will gladly accept them without stamps, as well. If you would like to participate by instead donating stamps or money to buy them, she would appreciate that help as well.

Delivery: The cards will start to be mailed right after Thanksgiving and continue until December 11 to allow them to arrive. If you would like to participate, please email Lisa to let her know how many names you would like. (If you prefer to participate with a monetary donation, she will accept them any time.)

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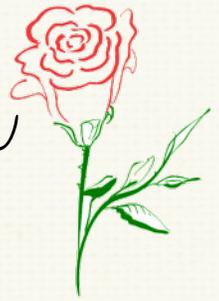




November 17, 2021
Fall Arts Retreat
 Noblesville
 \$70

April 23, 2022
State Conference
 Danville

Cheer & Concern



Please keep us informed of events in your life or the lives of others. We want to continue to be a community and society of caring, professional women. Note that we want to both celebrate the milestones AND comfort during the difficult times. Please contact Liz Shell (below) if you have information you would like to provide with the membership.

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member updates

Please note that this area is reserved for updates to member's information such as corrections, additions, changes, etc. This could include phone numbers, addresses, or e-mail addresses or any other information that you would like changed and shared with the rest of the membership. If there are updates, contact: **Susan Stouse** at smstouse@gmail.com or **Dawn Johnston** at djohnst77@gmail.com

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