

Alpha Omega's Delta Data

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President Barb's Informational Welcome

Welcome back Alpha Omega sisters!

I'm really hoping to be able to see several of you at our first meeting of the year at Bulldog Park on Thurs., Sept. 17th from 4:30-6:00 p.m. No refreshments at the meeting, but you may bring a drink for yourself. Park on south side of building, come in that south door; room is right there. I know Carol Borowski has made a valiant effort to keep everyone up to date on the changes we have had to make. Please remember that we are filling goodie bags for 11 new Hobart teachers & this year, due to the stress all teachers are under, we're going to give these folks items to help them deal with the stress they're having to deal with in these very unusual school circumstances. We're focusing on items for personal care including individually packaged food (snack) items & things like lotion, lip balm, etc. Please let Tiffany Hill Sabald know what you intend to contribute. She's trying to keep track so we don't have too much duplication. If you are unable to attend, but willing to donate items for the bags, please let another DKG member take your items to the meeting.

Each bag will be tagged with the new teacher's name and taken to the administration building for School City of Hobart by Evelyn Campbell. They will then distribute the bags. The tags will also have information about our chapter and our international information about being key women educators. Then, there is a contact name and email as well as website for further information.

I am really happy to have Tiffany on board to serve as co-president. We have been in touch frequently during the past several months trying to make sure our chapter will have a productive, enjoyable year. Tiffany is quite eager to learn the ropes so she can be an asset to the organization. None of us can predict what is yet to come in our world, so we're just going to have to be flexible. While I'm not a fan of the Zoom meeting, it does serve a purpose and is better than no meeting. Perhaps you're feeling like Tiffany and I do—we miss the camaraderie of our in person meetings and look forward to holding them again while observing all the guidelines for safe gatherings.

There are two reasons our original meeting place & time had to change. The CP Public Library isn't yet open for gatherings such as ours. In addition, State President Jo Jones is conducting the annual statewide meeting on our original date, and Tiffany and I must attend via Zoom.

Finally, if any of your personal contact information has changed (name, address, phone), please go to International website and log in to make the changes. If you have difficulty with that, you can call headquarters to relay that information.

Hoping to see you soon but understand if the challenges you are facing don't allow you the time to join us. Blessings to all of you on the frontlines, we're here to support you in any way we can.

Tiffany Hill Makes Many Changes in Her Life

2020 has been a tough year, but personally, it has brought many exciting changes for me. Back in March, I told my principal I would not be returning the following year; it was the hardest decision I've ever had to make, and it was a big shock to everyone. I am returning to school to get my master's in social work concentrating on family and mental health, and I wanted to focus on one thing at a time.

Due to Covid, I later found out that my college classes would be online this year, and the thought of not teaching was devastating to me. It was harder to leave than what I had thought. Fast forward a few months later: I am now an 8th grade reading teacher at Boone grove Middle School, and I am loving it! Because I only have to focus on reading standards and not all of ELA, I will have time to do my school work.

In addition to going back to school and getting a new job, I got married August 7th! Planning a wedding during a pandemic is quite stressful; rules and regulations were constantly changing and, in fact, our venue changed a week before we got married. However, it changed for the best, and everything turned out beautiful!

I am looking forward to being a co-president with Barb Gillan. We always work really well together, and I know I will learn so much from her. As a DKG president, I want to continue serving our children, teachers, and community with the wonderful projects we already have in place. I would like to add projects or presentations on social justice and mental health. I am so excited for this opportunity!

Visit the DKG International Website

With your membership number from your membership card and a password (you have created before or will create account now), go to www.dkg.org to read several publications created by International: 1) DKG News, 2) The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin International Journal for Professional Educators, 3) The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin Collegial Exchange, 4) President's Page, and 5) DKG Get Connected! (Connecting During Pandemic is good source of suggestions and information.)

I learned there that DKG is across the web: facebook, twitter, instagram, Pinterest, You Tube, and Linked-in. So, we each have several places to go to for international information and updating. Please do not forget to update your file on this site if you changed your name because of marriage or otherwise, or have address change, etc.

You may also want to relax and look at the DKG Art Gallery! Member's works are displayed here.

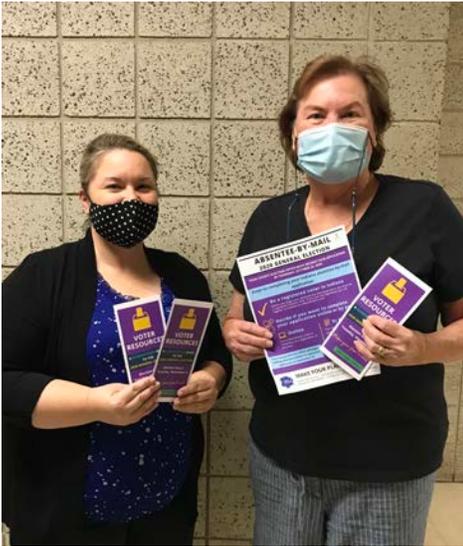
Note that in 20-21, DKG international states on this website that the organization of teachers has taken in 1,052 new members. Do you know anyone in our area that you would recommend for membership?

Delta Data is produced for the purpose of sharing information within chapter membership.

"The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education."

Send information for the October issue by September 29, 2020, to Carol Borowski (co-editor with Carol Bangsberg) 201 Sherwood Drive, Crown Point, IN 46307 or carolborowski@sbcglobal.net, or phone 219-663-7414

Make Your Plan to Vote Now



Sarah Ferraro of Rise NWI gives Barb all the information for voting.



October DKG Chapter Meeting

Chapter business, financial report, changes, and Pot Luck and Pound Auction takes place Tuesday, October 6th at 5:30 set-up and action begins at 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Crown Point.

Remember to wrap or present your pound auction item to impress members to bid on it - to want it desperately so we can raise money for our Grant-in-aid Fund.

Plus make your best dish of food to share for dinner.

We usually have a great deal of fun at this meeting. Please come!

Regardless of how you choose, you **MUST** be registered to vote by **Monday, October 5, 2020**. You can register online, or update your current voter registration information, by visiting IndianaVoters.com.

Voting Absentee-by-Mail

To be eligible to vote absentee-by-mail, you must submit your application by Thursday, October 22. If your county election office does not receive your application on this date by 11:59pm, you are not eligible to vote absentee-by-mail in November's election. To submit your application you can:

 Visit IndianaVoters.com to submit your application online.

 Download and print the application at <https://indianavoters.in.gov/MVPHome/PrintDocuments>. If you print an application you must hand sign your application, a digital application will not be accepted.

 Call your county election office and request a paper application be mailed to you.

Early Voting

Early voting is scheduled to begin Tuesday, October 6. Traditionally, Lake County has 11 early voting locations and registered Lake County voters can visit any of the 11 sites. Due to COVID-19 we recommend contacting the county election office to verify dates, times, and locations.

Voting on Election Day

Polls will be open 6:00 am - 6:00 pm on Tuesday, November 3. Visit IndianaVoters.com to verify your polling place.

Voting Absentee-by-Travel Board

Travel board is a unique opportunity for voters who are confined to their home on Election Day. Call the county election office to learn more about this opportunity. The deadline to submit an application to vote absentee-by-travel board is noon on Monday, November 2.

Questions? Always contact your county election office!

Lake County: 219-755-3795

Porter County: 219-465-3485

La Porte County: 219-326-6808

Catherine Krohn shares different start for 2020

We started having students at Crown Point High School on Monday, August 24, 2020! It's been a crazy start to the year so far. Students returned on a Hybrid schedule meaning that I see a group of them in person on Monday and Thursday, and another group on Tuesday and Friday. On the other days for each group the students will be e-learning at home. Wednesday is our "bulldog success day" where all students are scheduled to work from home.

Also (simultaneously), I have several students in virtual courses that will run alongside with the face-to-face curriculum.

This schedule is VERY difficult to plan as a teacher. Basically, I have 8 preps now (HBS group A, HBS Group B, HBS Virtual, MIGroup A, MI Group B, MI Virtual, Biology Group A, Biology Group B). It's not as bad as it looks on paper since many of the classes/groups will have common curriculum. But the completely virtual group will be a challenge, especially since I'll NEVER see them in person, and they still have to complete a "lab course" with me this year.

I am concerned for my health and (more so) the health of my family. Lily had to go back to daycare for the first time in 5 months.

I'm hoping that they take their responsibilities seriously and keep her safe. She is only 2, so she doesn't really understand why all these adults around her are all wearing masks. And she was very sheltered during the quarantine period with just John and me at home.

I have made some changes to my daily school routine to try to keep safe. I always wear masks, I use alcohol to sanitize my hands pretty much every time I touch something out of my desk area. I change clothes immediately when I get home, and I'm trying to be mindful about my surroundings.

Not everyone at school is taking this seriously, in my opinion. We have several teachers and some administrators that I've seen wearing their masks on their chins. The cleaning wipes that are provided for the students to wipe their desks cause me some concern. The concentration of chemicals in these wipes is far too high for human skin. So, I'm going to tell my students to wipe their desks first, then WASH their hands with soap and water. I'm lucky because I have 4 sinks in my room. My desks have all been removed so that I have 6 feet in between all students. As of the beginning of this year, I believe my largest group of students in this classroom at once is about 20.

Science rooms are lucky because we have extra space in the lab tables. So some students will need to sit in the far back of the room for classroom notes.

Unfortunately for planning, the Friday morning before starting classes on Monday morning, I did not have my roster of students - again making starting difficult.

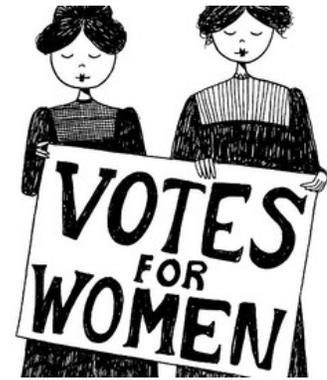
I know this is a bad situation for everybody. And I'm not trying to point fingers to accuse anyone of not taking it seriously. But, I think, the school corporation did not plan very well for this Hybrid schedule. Before students arrived on Aug. 24, I would have liked more time and more training. Most of what I've been doing has been training and meetings. It leaves me little time to get my class curriculum changed and ready. I am happy that I'll be able to see students! I miss them terribly, but I'm also very nervous for this system. As teachers, we like to have control over things that are happening in our classroom. I feel like that sense of class control is gone this year.

All I can do is try to be optimistic every single day. As soon as my students walk in, I switch into teacher mode and suppress lots of anxiety. "Just keep swimming! When the raindrops come tumbling, remember you are the one who can fill the world with sunshine!" (I watched so many Disney movies this summer with Lily that I think I can recite them in my sleep!)

Women Struggled for the Right to Vote

Four women sat at Mary Ann M'Clintock's kitchen table in upstate New York in July 1848. Two of the women were her grown daughters, Elizabeth and Mary Ann, and the third was women's rights leader Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

The purpose of their gathering was to draft the Declaration of Sentiments and Grievances and some resolutions to be presented at the Seneca Falls Women's Rights Convention. It was decided they would model the Declaration of Sentiments on the Declaration of Independence.



These women were desperate to get some basic rights for women who at that time had no power in the eyes of the law. "The Seneca Falls Convention was a turning point in history because it set the women's rights movement into motion. the convention inspired women to see themselves as equals and ask for equality as well." (www.biography.com/news/seneca-falls-convention) Seventy-two years would pass before women secured the right to vote on August 18, 1920, when the 19th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution was ratified!

Many women of color were still prevented from voting until the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

During these 72 years, many notable women organized national groups which took to the streets in parades and picket lines - risking hostile onlookers and unruly mobs.

One by one states were defeating women suffrage despite the efforts of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucy Stone, Susan B. Anthony, Lucy Burns, and Alice Paul and others. By 1910 in New York City, the first parade was held and in 1913 Alice Pal and Lucy Burns had gathered women for the first parade in Washington, D.C. By 1915, 30,000 women marched in New York City.

In January of 1917 women began picketing the White House and continued for most of the year even though they were being arrested and subjected to horrific conditions in prison.

Eventually, by May 1919, President Woodrow Wilson relented and gave his support.

It is 100 years later, and women still live in a world where men have the vast majority of power and women are consistently undervalued. Make your voice heard and vote this November.

Some quick and easy recommended readings:

[She Proclaims: Our Declaration of Independence from a Man's World](#) by Jennifer Palmieri, 2020.

[The Firsts: The Inside Story of the Women Reshaping Congress](#) by Jennifer Steinhauer 2020.

Liz Continues as Speech Language Pathologist for 2020

Hi Ladies, Barb asked me to send a little blurb on how the start of the school year has been. Since we are year-round at Kidworks, LLC , there aren't many changes.

Kidworks transitioned to teletherapy using Zoom in mid March as the COVID-19 craziness began, and we are still offering telehealth for the majority of patients. We have transitioned some kids back to the clinic as Teletherapy is not perfect for everyone; however the large majority of families are still seen via Zoom.

It has definitely been a challenge as a therapist to reinvent the wheel; however, t has pushed me to grow and change the way I see my career. It has definitely made me a better coach to help parents work with their children.

As August starts, scheduling school age kids has been interesting because of the variety of different plans that are in place for each school. I have some students going in person every day, some are twice a week, some are e-learning, and some are home schooled.