



Alpha Gamma Chapter



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Mission Statement:

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

VISION: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education

Be present and thankful for all things.....

Hello All,

I hope that you are enjoying the little bit of snail mail coming your way! I am going to try and send one out every time we have a newsletter. We are loosing a bit of steam with participating. Ladies I am trying my best and if you have time to please let me know of places you have traveled and pictures for the next newsletter along with books, shows etc. For our February meeting we will be taking ideas for traveling along with pictures so please send in anything you can think of that would be good for the newsletter. Please try to make it on your To-Do List to send your DKG sister something even if its a nice letter, recipe card, or something you have a talent making. Many ladies have emailed and commented on how nice it is to get positive feedback, in that many have completed but still many whom I have asked randomly have said they have *only* received mail from me. We will not have a newsletter go out until February so you have lots of time to send your DKG sister a little goodie in their mailbox. If you do not see your contributions to the newsletter keep looking I am trying to stock pile some of them due to the lack of participation. Please take the time to give me some feedback.

A couple of things that I don't want you to forget about is that we have the State Convention coming up this year on April 23-25, Please try to mark your calendars now if you are interested and I will send out any other information when it gets closer if you would like to go. I am going to plan to go and enjoy the fellowship and connection with others. It is going to be held at the Resort at Swan Lake. Also at the convention we need to decide if we want to put together a silent auction basket to be raffled off? I will be sending out information about that as well.

Another exciting item DKG is offering is a Leadership Seminar which I am excited to attend. It will all be via Zoom and I will attach the form when I have more information.

P.S.-Please don't forget the riddle. No one has guessed last months riddle..... Lara was our first winner and she was not disappointed.

-Karyn Wenger



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← My family has a Christmas tradition. In 1984, my mom bought a king sized flat sheet to use as a tablecloth for Christmas dinner. Everyone signed the tablecloth. My mom passed away a month later, but she left us with a unique tradition. We have continued to sign the tablecloth every year since. We had to add more fabric, as the family has grown. It is really a family history. For example, my uncle used to sign his name and the price of corn. Unfortunately, we won't be signing it in 2020.



← My favorite tradition is making Guatemalan tamales for Christmas. Guatemalan tamales are quite different from Mexican tamales. They are wrapped with plantain leaves (like banana leaves) which gives them a rich flavor. My favorite version consists of corn masa, a rich red tomato based sauce with various ingredients, and pork or chicken filling. The process is very involved and is most fun when several generations are together sharing the work. Most of my immediate family is now in Arizona and while my husband and I have spent the majority our Christmases in Arizona, several years ago we learned to make tamales ourselves in case of an emergency ;-).



← My most predictable holiday tradition is that I love to send and receive Christmas cards. I attached a picture of my living room from last December. When I receive cards, I hang them up literally in a ring around the entire room and leave them up all year (to be replaced the next December as the new ones come in). It means I'm literally surrounded by 100 greetings from friends all year long!



Cutting down our tree at Guse Tree Farm and eating
←→ Chinese food from China House on Christmas Eve!



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THEMES FOR THE YEAR OF 2020

Send in by the 12th of each month/Newsletter will be sent on the 15th of each month below!

~~Meeting 3: November "meeting" will be all about traditions and holidays. What do you do over the holidays? Do you have a traditional recipe? Or a favorite must try recipe?~~

Meeting 4: February "meeting" will be all about Destination. Have you always dreamed about going somewhere? Maybe you went on your dream vacation? Where was it and was your expectations met?

Meeting 5: April "meeting" will be all about your summer plans, gardening tips, and pictures of your favorite flowers.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

State Convention April 23-25 *Resort at Swan Lake*(Please consider going)

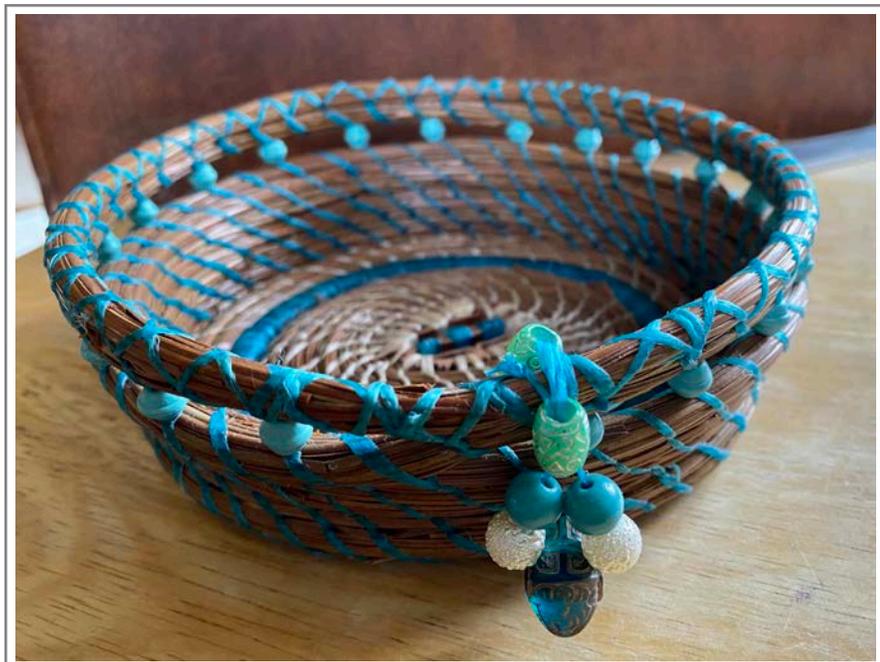
Council 1 Brunch: March 6th, 2021-ZOOM more info to follow

Leadership Conferences via Zoom: Jan. 18,25 Feb. 1,8,15 (FREE)

WHAT NEW HOBBIES HAVE YOU PICKED UP DURING OUR QUARANTINE?

I learned pine needle weaving in 2019 when I spent the winter in Florida. I was in Florida this year when the pandemic hit, so I had time to try weaving again. I am working on another basket this fall. The pine needles in Florida are 10-12" long, so they are easier to work with than our short needles.

-Chris Robbins



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BOOKS TO READ:

The Last Mrs. Parrish by Liv Constantine

Rage by Bob Woodward

Pandemic by Sonia Shah

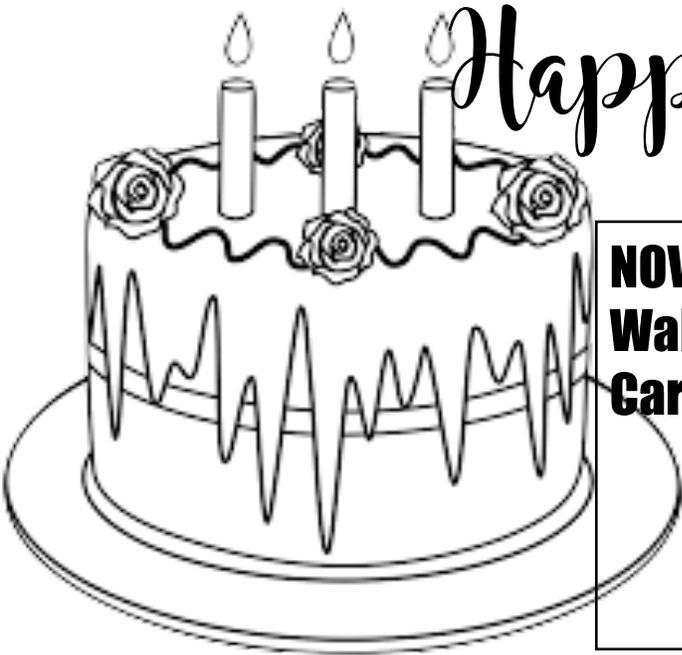
The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek

World Without End by Ken Follett

Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult

The Red Tent by Anita Diamant

Happy Birthday to you...



NOVEMBER:

Walker turns 2!(8)

Carol Roy(22)

DECEMBER:

Chelsey Dunleavy(21)

Kay Magnetti(23)

JANUARY:

Paula Colman(7)

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Annie
Schoenfelt

Where did you grow up? I grew up in Chesterton, Indiana!

Where did you go to school? I attended Duneland Schools K-12 Brummitt Elementary (Go Eagles), Westchester Middle School (Go Olympians) Chesterton High School (Go Trojans!)

Describe your job. I have the BEST job!! I am an instructional coach with Valparaiso Community Schools! I get to work with teachers on technology integration, best practices, and really anything they need!! I get to work with students, too! Currently I'm teaching some high ability reading groups via Zoom and it's so fun to see those 3rd graders think critically and creatively!

When did you know you wanted to be an educator and why? Pre-school graduation! I wanted to be a music teacher, because I love music and I LOVED my teachers!

What advice would you tell yourself at age 13? I probably wouldn't have listened to anyone at 13 (even myself). However, I would tell myself, it's ok to be chubby and have acne. Focus on what YOU like to do, not just your friends. Enjoy time with your family!

Do you have a favorite news sources, blog, book? I start lots of sentences with, "Well I heard on NPR..." I'm *that* person!

What advice would you give to recent new teachers? Make connections!! Collaborate with your grade level teams, get in good with your custodians and secretary, make nice with IT, and if you're lucky enough one your district technology integration specialist! Before you teach content, focus on building positive relationships with your students! When it comes to the teaching focus on district curriculum resources, not everything has to look "cute" and "Pinterest-worthy"!

RIDDLE (email Pat first and be the winner!)

You're escaping a labyrinth, and there are three doors in front of you. The door on the left leads to a raging inferno. The door in the center leads to a deadly assassin. The door on the right leads to a lion that hasn't eaten in three months. Which door do you choose?



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What has got you glued to your tv? What shows are you binge watching?

Yellowstone on Peacock
Renovation Island

Marvelous Mrs. Maisel on Netflix
The Social Dilemma on Netflix

The Keepers on Netflix
Great News on Netflix

The Queen's Gambit on Netflix

Keeping In Touch:

If you know of a member who needs any card sent (get well, sympathy, congrats, etc) please notify Nancy Nelson or Melissa Desjariais.

If you have any items you want to be included in the next Chapter Newsletter, submit them to Chelsey Dunleavy at chelseydunleavy@gmail.com

Also if you have the time please send Barb Aungst and Marilyn Owens a card! Lets all try to send at least one card to her if not more!

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DKG FUN FACT:

On April 21, 1934 Mississippi was organized as the sixth DKG state by the national president, Miss Norma Smith, at the Edwards Hotel in Jackson, MS.

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Visit our website for chapter information as well as information and links pertaining to our organization.

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PGP Points

Did you know DKG members can earn Professional Growth Plan (PGP) points at chapter and state level meetings and conferences? PGP points are calculated as one PGP point for 1 clock hour of activity. Certificates of participation will be available at each of our chapter meetings for

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Indiana State Conference- April 23-25, 2021

CURRENT PROJECTS:

International Educational Excellence Projects

Focus: Schools for Africa Project
SEE-Support Early-Career Educators

Programs and Education:

Advance excellence in education
Empower Women
Increase Global Awareness

