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- A "flip book" to read on your computer
- Download a .pdf file that can be printed or read on your computer
- Contact International headquarters to request that a copy be printed and mailed to you.

Important Dates

Midwinter Meeting (state officers, committee chairs, personnel)
 January 11, 2020
 10:00 am • MCL Cafeteria Township Line, 2370 W. 86th St., 46260

2020 Indiana State Conference
 Saturday, April 25, 2020
 L.A. Pittenger Student Center
 Ball State University, Muncie

CCOT North
 June 13
 Lebanon Central Christian Church, Lebanon IN

CCOT South
 June 18
 Immanuel Lutheran Church, Seymour IN

2020 International Convention
 July 7-11 • Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

State Conference 2020

Linda Puccini, Alpha Omicron

Come one, come all and 'Let's Have a Ball'. Really !

At Muncie in April our State Conference will be!

The home of Ball State, the home of Ball jars!

Please come with your DKG friends in your cars.

PGP points for attending inspiring workshops.

Minnetrasta's one option, the fun never stops.

Register soon and we'll see you there!

Remembrance, sisterhood and learning we'll share.

Our 2020 State Conference is April 25 at the L.A. Pittenger Student Center, Ball State University. Our theme is 'Let's Have a Ball'! We have a variety of morning breakout sessions that should appeal to all. The beautiful Ceremony of Remembrance will touch your heart as we recall those sisters who are no longer with us. The Ceremony of Remembrance starts at 8:30 and the opening session begins at 9:15. This is a one day meeting which will conclude in the early afternoon.

The registration form can be found in this issue of *The Hoosier Newsette* and on the state website, www.DKGIndiana.org.



2020 Indiana State DKG Conference Steering Committee

pictured l-r: Jane Ann Hopper (Beta Kappa) , Susan Leicht (Beta Kappa), Rebecca Dorn (Beta Mu), Jo Jones (Mu), Linda Puccini (Alpha Omicron), Tiffany Ingles (Chi), Kathy Nelson (Alpha Omicron), Carolyn Thompson (Chi), Jet Sundheimer (Chi), Karla Riggan (Beta Mu)

Help!

Artistically challenged editor and webmaster needs unique, professional-looking, original artwork to enhance both the Hoosier Newsette and the DKGIndiana.org website. Please turn some of your doodles into something that would help everyone envision the best of what DKG could offer! Contact Marti Daily at indianadkg@gmail.com with your thoughts.



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Mark Your Calendar

Jo Jones, Indiana State DKG President



One benefit of your membership is a conference presented with the members in mind. I am giving you plenty of advance notice that the 2020 Indiana State Conference will be held in Muncie on April 25, 2020. Mark your calendar! No excuses that you didn't know about it. Since the conference will be held at the Ball State L.A. Pittenger Student Center, and, as most of us know, Ball State is David Letterman's alma mater, I thought it would be appropriate to give the top ten list of why you should attend. So here it goes—

Number 10. We will get a chance to be back on a college campus. Even if BSU isn't your alma mater, the feeling of being on a college campus should bring back nostalgic memories.

Number 9. You will see posters made by world-renown artists. Well, at least state known artists—state committee chairmen will be displaying what their committees are all about.

Number 8. Even though you will be on campus, do not fear eating a hum-drum carbohydrate-filled college meal. You will choose from a tilapia dish, a Marsala chicken dish, or a vegetarian cashew loaf. I know your taste buds are starting to perk up as you read this.

Number 7. A beautiful Ceremony of Remembrance will be held. You will have one final time to honor those DKG members who have passed on. It is always a touching ceremony.

Number 6. You will get to see DKG sisters whom you haven't seen for a while, and you will meet new friends.

Number 5. The workshops will provide chances to widen your horizons. You can even choose a "field trip" that will last both sessions away from the student center. You will have some classroom topics and personal interest topics to choose from.

Number 4. The conference is more about personal growth than business. We will have a bit of business to cover, but not as much as we do at a convention.

Number 3. After the luncheon, we will have entertainment and a keynote speaker. Nothing has been finalized yet, but Council 6 will be searching for the best available.

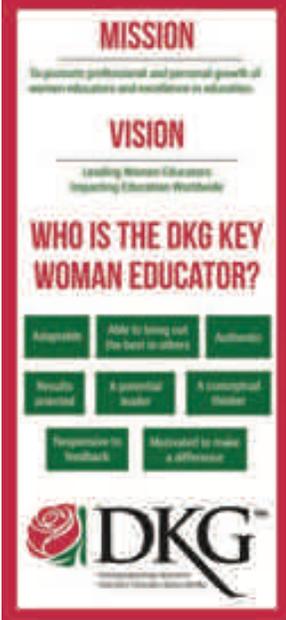
Number 2. The conference gives you a chance to do something for yourself. Sometimes a calendar gets filled with other family members' activities. This one is for you. Pamper yourself for the day.

And the **Number One** reason for going to the 2020 Indiana State Conference:

You will get to park in the faculty parking lot—free—no chance of being towed!!!

I am hoping that you will come. It might be the first one you attend, and if it is, I hope you will want to come to another. Those who attend on a regular basis know that the conference is well worth the time and drive. Bring a carload of your chapter members. Have an impromptu chapter meeting in the car. If you are the only one from your chapter who wants to attend, I don't think you will regret stepping out of your comfort zone to attend. All members are invited. Conferences and conventions are not just for chapter presidents. Therefore, when you see the registration form in *The Hoosier Newsette* or on the state website, fill it in and then mail it. I don't think you will regret your decision.





Could She Be a Member?

Rachel Etherington, State Membership Chairman

At this year's DKG International Conference in Des Moines, Sara Sweeney led a session on membership. Sara asked those in attendance to think about the profile of a DKG member. For the most part, the profile was a current or former K-12 public educator who had completed formal training. She then challenged us to create a list of others who might be considered to be educators. Sara then asked us to think in terms of formal and informal, children and adults, and anyone who taught others a skill or trade. Different ideas were shared for potential member pools and a list was created.

Sara suggested that chapters be encouraged to use this idea at their own chapter meetings to start a dialog and provide a fresh perspective to DKG membership.

Is It Your Turn to Step Up?

from the editor

Soon chapter nominating committees will be turning to the important business of recruiting members to fill leadership positions within their chapters. This process is often a thankless one – but it really shouldn't be all that hard. Every officer should be thinking about someone to replace themselves when the time comes, whether that is the end of a term according to bylaws or – as many of us find – it's simply time. That doesn't mean the past officer needs to step aside completely, although sometimes it ends up that way. Individual chapters have been coming up with ways to share the responsibilities for years now – e.g., co-presidents, assistant treasurers, corresponding secretaries as well as recording secretaries... After all, it's not like your officers will have to step in front of network television to give an acceptance speech – these are your FRIENDS, all of whom everyone wants to succeed!

The Indiana State Organization (yes, it still feels strange to think of us by that name!) has a long history of providing leadership training both in general and for specific offices. CCOT (Chapter committee and Officer Training) sessions will be coming up in June for your newly elected officers. (You can even bring other members along for moral support, as well as to share a ride. Once other members get a chance to see that it's not a great mystery, perhaps they'll be more amenable to getting involved themselves.) The Janet O'Neal Leadership Seminar scheduled for fall of 2020 is a great opportunity for an enjoyable Saturday away from the usual routine – plan to take advantage of it! The more experience you have enjoying the company of members already active at the state level, the easier it will be to see yourself as one of that team, too. State positions won't be up for another year, but it's never too early to start thinking about how you want YOUR DKG chapter, state organization, or even the international entity to progress.



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Treasury Notes

Leslie Hamman, Gamma Lambda

Congratulations! We made it through the first round of online dues processing. Now we can move on to our second experience with processing half dues but with a new twist – *online* processing. Between January 1 and June 30, any newly inducted or reinstated member would pay half of the June amount. This means International dues would be \$20 for actives and \$10 for reserves while State dues would be \$10 for actives and \$4 for reserves. The State's fees per member for the scholarship fund (\$1.00 or \$0.20), conferences and conventions (\$2.00), and induction fee for new members only (\$2.50) remain the same. Chapter treasurers will be receiving an email from me with information necessary for finalizing State dues and fees during this time.



Thank you, chapter treasurers, for all you do to keep track of member information and chapter finances as well as the other tasks you are asked to do! **Chapters, please congratulate and celebrate your treasurers for the job they do.** Over the past year, they not only handled chapter finances but also had to take care of early dues collection after dealing with half dues for the first time; ending the fiscal year with a financial review and the end of year report to state; processing dues online for the first time and helping to work out the bugs; updating and adding member information on the DKG website; and filing the IRS 990-N tax form.

Chapter members, thank you for all you do to support your treasurer and officers. Together, we can make DKG stronger!

Women of Distinction Nominations

Delta Kappa Gamma is honored to have women who go above and beyond community duty outside of this honor society. Several years ago the State started honoring these women at the state convention at the end of the president's biennium. However, the present state president now wants to honor these women on a yearly basis. Therefore, if you know a lady in your chapter who has earned a special recognition, honor, or award from another organization or group, church, or school during the entire year of 2019, please fill in the application found on the state website and mail it to Jo Jones before March 1, 2020.

from the Educational Excellence Committee...

Stephanie Walsh, Chair

Greetings and thank you to those Indiana State Organization members that submitted applications to present at the 2020 State Conference. April will be here before we know it! The Conference Committee is diligently working to put together a great schedule of workshops for the State Conference. There will be a variety of sessions to attend, as well as the opportunity for a limited number of participants to take a field trip to Minnetrista, the original home of the Ball jar! There will be an additional cost for those wishing to attend the field trip. The early bird gets the worm, so register early if you wish to take the trip!



I have asked each State Committee to prepare a poster for display highlighting the purpose and work of their committee, so plan on viewing this informational poster display! In addition, we are also looking for individual chapters and chapter members to display posters at the State Conference as well. Poster applications are due February 1st and can be located on the State Organization website,

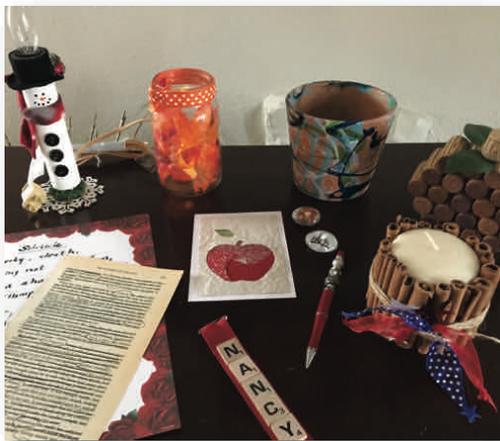
www.dkgindiana.org, or by contacting me at kswalsh@att.net or 812-719-1166. Posters can feature just about anything you think fellow sisters would find interesting.....teaching practices, technology, travel experiences, exercise techniques, crafting fun, etc...

I look forward to an exciting time in Muncie in April. Please consider joining us!

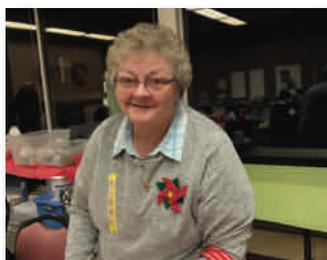


FAR (Fall Arts Retreat) 2019

Nancy Hoff, Personal Growth and Professional Affairs Committee Chairman



The biennial FALL ARTS RETREAT finished on a high note and is definitely one for the books! Thirty-three women and one gentleman joined us for all or part of a weekend devoted to the arts: music, yoga, writing and of course crafts. There was also a surprise dance performance by Carol Herzog. Nancy, Ruth and Peggy planned crafts with Deb Carrell, Jan Good and Carol helping to teach the crafts. Lynette Farless did three short stretching/yoga sessions and Tiffany Ingles instructed us on ukulele techniques. Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House has a wonderful facility, great food and beautiful grounds in the middle of Indianapolis. Join us in the fall of 2021 for our next retreat with Jo Drudge and her committee. *See more photos at www.DKGIndiana.org/photo-gallery*



Woman's Suffrage Centennial Celebration

by Sherry Watkins, Beta

The year 2020 is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the extension of the right to vote to women. Congress passed the 19th Amendment in 1919 and the 36th state, Tennessee, ratified the amendment in August of 1920, making it a part of the U.S. Constitution on August 26th of that year Indiana ratified the amendment on January 16, 1920. "THE RIGHT OF CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES TO VOTE SHALL NOT BE DENIED OR ABRIDGED BY THE UNITED STATES OR BY ANY STATE ON ACCOUNT OF SEX. CONGRESS SHALL HAVE POWER TO ENFORCE THIS ARTICLE BY APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION."

The Centennial is an opportunity for us to learn more of this long struggle, celebrate the efforts of many suffragists, and to recognize how important the hard fought achievements of these women are to American History. From the meeting at the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848 (a visit there is on my bucket list) to the 36th state ratifying the 19th Amendment in 1920, this challenge was long and included the work and dedication of many tireless Suffragists, including many from Indiana. There are many ways for you to be involved in this momentous occasion.

Two very informative books are "Winning the Vote: The Triumph of the American Woman Suffrage Movement" by Robert Cooney, Jr. and "The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote" by Elaine Weiss. Hillary Clinton has worked with Steven Spielberg to make it into a mini-series coming in 2020. Also watch for an upcoming book on the history of woman suffrage specific to Indiana by Dr. Anita Morgan.

The National Women's History Alliance, www.nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org, has a wealth of resources and is sponsoring a conference, Valiant Women of the Vote, January 10 -12, 2020, Bay Club Hotel Marina|San Diego, CA. I attended last year's conference and found it very informative and well done. The Rose Parade (January 1st, 2020) will have two floats celebrating the Suffrage Centennial, both sponsored by the city of Long Beach.

Hoosier suffragists are celebrated at the Festival of Trees exhibit at the Indiana Historical Society, sponsored by The Indianapolis Propylaeum (and designed by my sister, Beverly Watkins). There is also a temporary Madame C. J. Walker exhibit at the museum. Octavia Spencer will soon be starring in a movie about her life. The movie "Harriet", on the life of Harriet Tubman, opened November 1, 2019 at theaters across the country.

Epsilon member Cheryl Steuerwald suggests watching these suffragist movies:

"One Woman, One Vote" is good for a quick education. "Iron Jawed Angels" is centered on Alice Paul and the hunger strikes. "Suffragette" is set in Great Britain during the later years of the struggle. Of course the PBS/Ken Burns documentary, "Not for Ourselves Alone" features the story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony. You can find excerpts on YOUTUBE.

Don't miss the Indiana Women's Suffrage Centennial website with a host of information, resources, and listings of upcoming Indiana suffragist events at www.indianasuffrage100.org. It includes many suggestions for speakers and celebrations.

As we celebrate the anniversary of women's suffrage, we must not forget the continuing opportunity and responsibility to advocate for the rights of women, to eliminate voter suppression, to be vigilant in informing all of our history and struggles, to encourage all to exercise their right to vote, and to secure ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. Enjoy the celebrations and continue your advocacy.



Photos courtesy of Sherry Watkins, shown at left; Festival of Trees entry above right; Beverly Watkins at front lower right.



Indiana State Conference

“Celebrate the Society”

April 25, 2020

L.A. Pittenger Student Center ~ Ball State University
(McKinley & North Streets, Muncie, IN 47306)

----- **Registration Form** -----

Each person attending should submit a separate registration form. Please print.

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

PREFERRED NAME ON BADGE: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

CHAPTER: _____ President? Yes No Year of initiation _____

STATE OFFICER/CHAIRMAN: _____ Non-Member: _____

There is no registration fee, however **EACH PERSON** attending must **REGISTER** and pay for the meals.

Meals: Continental Breakfast and Luncheon

Early Bird Registration: by March 16, 2020 _____ \$40 (Members) _____ \$50 (Non-members)

Registration: March 17 – April 6, 2020 _____ \$45 (Members) _____ \$55 (Non-members)

Choice of Lunch Entrée: ____ Tilapia w/Lemon Sauce ____ Chicken Marsala ____ Cashew Loaf (Veg.)

Explain special needs: Diet _____ Mobility _____ Other _____

The field trip breakout session to the theater performance at Minnetrista is limited to 25. The cost for this session is \$10 and includes transportation and admission. **Please include a separate check for this event.**

Check(s) enclosed for _____ Meals _____ Field trip made payable to: **Indiana State Org. DKG**

Send check(s) and registration form to: Karla Riggin, Registrar, 5300 E. CR 500 N., Albany, IN 47320

DEADLINE: April 6, 2020

Four Professional Growth Plan Points will be available for the conference.

If you make a reservation and cannot attend, you are responsible for the costs unless you request a refund by April 11, 2020.

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

Sign only if you **do not** grant permission. _____

*If you need overnight accommodations, we recommend the Fairfield Inn by Marriott,
4011 W. Bethel Avenue, Muncie, IN 47304 ~ (765) 282-6666*

*Limited rooms are also available at the L.A. Pittenger Student Center for overnight Friday.
Call (765) 285-1555 for reservations.*

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