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



*From your president, Marcia Murtagh*

Dear DKG Sisters,

I hope this letter finds everyone warm and cozy, enjoying the sparkling diamonds in the snow brought about by the beautiful sunshine. I have finally shoveled my last two inches of snow, after shoveling the 10 inches we had from the previous snow. As the Italian Proverb states, *They who sing through the summer must dance in the winter.*

I completed all 5 sessions on Celebrating Opportunities Through DKG leadership seminars. Each program presented a variety of strategies to strengthen chapter meetings and addressed challenges of taking on leadership roles. The fourth session spoke on themes being incorporated in our meetings to bring about spiritual fellowship, uniting new members, and bonding all members. The ladies that presented were extremely enthusiastic!!! The last session was on Time Management. Two DKG members from Texas had a power point presentation, but do to power outages, Carol Herzog presented their information. A Baker's Dozen, Tips for Managing Time in the Workplace," by Elizabeth Bellman was referenced often. I hope I can put all of this wonderful information to good use.

**State Updates from Jo Jones**

**Women of Distinction:** if you know of anyone that has received a special honor or have done something quite commendable in areas other than DKG send nominees from our chapter by [March 1, 2021](#).

**2021 State Convention:** will be held on [Saturday, June 12](#), from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Primo Banquet Convention Center, Keystone Ave., Indianapolis.

**Silent Auction at the Convention:** all chapters are encouraged to bring a basket representing our area to be auctioned off with proceeds going to the Emergency Fund.

**International Conference:** will be held in San Antonio, Texas, [July 21-24](#)

Before I close, I would like to thank Lucy for establishing our Zoom meetings and taking minutes from our last meeting. Thanks to Kim for her legislative updates, Sandy Rissler for the grant-in-aid article, and Cheryl Steuerwald for her professional development article. I relayed the grant-in-aid information to the Teacher Education instructor at Area 30. She was very excited and will communicate this information to her previous students majoring in education. Also a big thank you goes out to Chelsey Meluch, who on the spot, presented a fabulous program on e-learning.

Once again our [March 4th](#) meeting will be on Zoom. Please look for Lucy's invitation to join the meeting in this newsletter. Rita will be conducting our program and we will be voting on our Grant-in-Aid recipients. I'm hoping to see all of you on Zoom, Thursday, [March 4th](#) at 4:30.

Have a wonderful February and we will meet again on Zoom.

Marcia

"Life is a menu, so remember whatever you order for your life is what's gonna be delivered to your table" Tyrese Gibson

Lucy Wieland is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Sent from my iPhone

## **Alpha Epsilon State Mini Grants**

**DKG members may apply for mini grants any time throughout the year. Visit [www.dkgindiana.org](http://www.dkgindiana.org) to obtain an application or contact the state or chapter scholarship chairman. The application must be filed prior to the anticipated use.**

**A list of requirements follows. Applicants must have been members for at least 2 years. They must demonstrate reasonable standards of scholarship and professional service. The planned project should contribute to the candidate's personal growth and to the field of education. They should show promise of distinction in their respective fields of study.**

**There are restrictions. Applicants may only be awarded one mini grant every 4 years. Funds may not be used for travel or personal stipends. Tuition fees may be allowed.**

## **Travel/Study Grants**

**If you are a member who is over 55 years young, you may apply receive a \$350 grant for planned travel and study. You must write a**

brief essay that describes how this particular opportunity will contribute to your personal growth. Send your essay the State Scholarship Committee. Make plans to share your travel and learning experiences following your trip. Visit [www.dkgindiana.org](http://www.dkgindiana.org) for more information.

Submitted by Cheryl Steuerwald Alpha Epsilon State Mini Grants

**From: Rita Fish**

*The DKG State Conference is scheduled for April 23, 2022 at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds. As chair of Coordinating Council 7, it is my responsibility to lead the planning committee. The committee members consist of the current presidents, and the former presidents of the chapters from Boone, Hendricks, Montgomery and Putnam counties.*

*We will be meeting all of this year, and part of next, in order to plan the one day event. Thank goodness Marcia Murtagh is on the committee, because she is smart and resourceful. I am just a hard worker.*

*Our first meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2021 at ten in the morning, at my home. This is an opportunity for Epsilon chapter "to strut our stuff" by being fully involved in making this state event a fabulous experience for our state DKG sisters. I am counting on my Epsilon sisters for support and aid.*

***EPSILON DATES TO REMEMBER***

*Thursday, March 4, 2021*

*4:30 pm Zoom Meeting*

*Program: Rita Fish, "Art Talk"*

*Business Meeting: Voting on Grant-in-Aid Recipients*

*Hostesses: \* Rita Fish, Ginger Bodnarick, and Ellen Dittmer*

*Saturday, May 1, 2021*

*9:30am TBA*

*Founders Day-Ceremonies*

*Program: Award Grant-in-Aid Recipients-Professional Affairs  
Committee*

*Hostesses: \*Janis Price, Mariette Bargaen, and Betty McGill*

*Thursday, September 3, 2021*

4:30 pm Putnam County Museum

Program: Kim Fidler, "Privilege for Sale"

Business Meeting: Program books, and membership

Hostesses:\* Cheryl Steuerwald, Judy Rayburn, and Annette  
Maier

Rita is state Council 7 chair and as such is responsible for the State Conference to be held in April 2022 to be held at the Hendrick's County Fairground.

Marcia is attending the Celebrating Opportunities Through DKG, A Series of On-line Presentations January 18, 25, February 1, 8, and 15. She reviewed some of what she has learned so far.

### **Program**

Chelsey gave us a fascinating review of of the E-Learning she is doing through Google Classroom. She does not like teaching with a textbook and finds Google Classroom an effective way to manage her courses and monitor student work. She finds it easy to manage but finds that is difficult for her freshmen students to accept personal responsibility for their learning. She finds that imposing lunch detentions for those who do not complete their work on time is somewhat effective. For mature students this seems to be an excellent way for them to learn at their own pace.

The next Meeting will be Thursday March 4, 2021 at Cloverdale Elementary or Zoom Meeting (given Covid Status). The Program will be "American Women Artists" by Rita Fish. We will be voting on Grant-in-Aid recipients. Hostesses will be \*Rita Fish, Ginger Bodnarick, and Ellen Dittmer.

June 12, 2021 (8:00 am - 4:00 pm)

2021 Indiana State Convention

Primo Banquet and Convention Center

2615 South Keystone Ave.

Indianapolis

FALL 2021 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

September, 2021 (date tba)

FAR (Fall Arts Retreat)

Nov. 13, 2021 (9:00 am - 3:00 pm)

Emmanuel United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

16000 Cumberland, Noblesville

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES - 2021**

*Portland, Oregon, July 7-10, 2021*

*San Antonio, Texas, July 21-24, 2021*

**FUTURE DKG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS**

*New Orleans, Louisiana, (Sheraton) July 12-16, 2022*

*National Harbor, Maryland, (Gaylord National, D.C. Area)-2024*

*Aurora, Colorado, (Gaylord Rockies)-2026*

Update your membership profile! Go to [dkgindiana.org](http://dkgindiana.org) to find the link to click on that takes you to a YouTube video that will show you every step in the process.

**Please share stories of your travels with our members. One of my favorite quotes is from Mark Twain.**

**“Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one’s lifetime.**

**Please send news for the next newsletter. We appreciate hearing from our members.**

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