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From the President...

For the past several weeks as I've pondered what to write for this edition of the GAB, I've had lots of ideas bouncing around in my brain. At this time of year, I guess it's natural to think about endings and beginnings. While I do believe that reflecting on the past to gauge where we've been and how far we've come has benefits, I really don't want to dwell much on what this past year has done and continues to do to us. I will set new goals for next year, but I am making no grand plans for the future, because if this year has taught me anything, one lesson I'll remember is that all plans are subject to change, we have to be always flexible, and everything should be penciled in on the calendar a day or two at a time. We've taught and learned lessons about handling disappointment. We've learned to slow down, rethink which people and things really matter to us, and to maybe even change our priorities. I believe that there is a reason behind all of this that we don't understand, that we have lessons to learn from it, and that eventually it will come to an end.

"And once the storm is over, you won't remember how you made it through, or how you

managed to survive. You won't even be sure the storm is really over. But one thing is certain... when you come out of the storm, you won't be the same person who walked in. That's what this storm is all about."

-Haruki Murakami

In the meantime, I have decided I will not focus on the endings, the losses, the disappointments, the regrets, or the changes that I don't like.

I am going to find joy in every day. I will look for ways to share joy in word



and deed with family, friends, students, colleagues, DKG sisters, neighbors, and strangers. And maybe that joy will be contagious.

"Joy is a decision, a really brave one, about how you are going to respond to life."

-Wess Stafford

Choose joy. And maybe, just maybe, that's how the storm will have changed us. We will walk out of the storm with more joy.

Wishing all of you the peace and blessings of Christmas and a joy filled New Year!

*Teresa Odle
President*



December Meeting/Silent Auction Cancelled

The Executive Board made the decision to cancel our Silent Auction for this year. With the cancellation of our December meeting and the uncertainty of our meetings moving forward, we decided that it would be best to save our efforts for next year rather than try to postpone it. Tuck away your donations from this year to add them to next year's goodies and let's plan to make the 2021 auction spectacular! The proceeds from our silent auction fund our Book Awards for graduates planning to pursue education. If anyone wishes to contribute to that fund, please mail your donation to Ann Easter, 2500 High St., Logansport, IN 46947 by December 31st.

Literacy in the Laundromat

We will be collecting new and gently used books, as well as magazines, at the next meeting. Please make sure your names have been deleted and any loose advertisements are removed from the magazines. Thank you in advance for your donations. They will be distributed to several laundromats in Cass and White Counties

Dorothy Moore Scholarship Winner

The 2020 Recipient was Maggie Hopper and she graduated from Logansport and is enrolled at Indiana University Kokomo. She chose to major in Secondary Education with a minor in Administration. She judged at the Franklin Science Fair while she was in High School and was recommended by Cory Cripe as someone who wanted to be a teacher. She wrote that she walked around with the students to assure them an accurate score on their projects.

In her thank you note to Gamma Mu she wrote: Education has always been my passion. I have worked very hard to prepare myself for my future and now that it is paying off, I am so very proud. I want to thank you for believing in my future and helping me achieve my dreams. I see my life and dreams coming together and I owe that to the people that invested in me. Receiving the Dorothy Moore Memorial Scholarship is truly an honor.

Dates to Remember...

January 18 - February 15 (Mondays) -
"Celebrating Opportunities Through DKG"
online leadership seminars

January 27, 2021 - GAB submission due
January 27, 2021 - Orientation Meeting,
5:00 at the "Stable" across from Pisgah
Church

February 1, 2021 - Poster applications for
State Conference due

February 3, 2021 - Executive Board meeting
at Deb Corso's home

February 6, 2021 - General meeting, 9:00
am, Webb Chapel United Methodist Church

April 23-25, 2021 - State Conference, Swan
Lake Resort, Plymouth IN

June 1, 2021 - DKG dues deadline

July 21-24, 2021 - DKG International
Conference, San Antonio TX

Gamma Mu

Executive Board Meeting

Sunday, September 20, 2020, via Zoom

Present for the Zoom call were: Judy Neilan, Jill Woods, Fay Miller, Teresa Odle, Marsha Riggs, Barrie McClain, Kathy Bahnaman, Ann Easter, Sally McAndrews, Carol Loehrke and Deb Corso.

Call to Order- Teresa Odle called the meeting to order at 3:18.

Thought for the Day- “In any moment of decision, the best you can do is the right thing. The worst you can do is nothing.” Theodore Roosevelt

Reading of the Minutes- Jill Woods read the minutes from the July 21, 2020 meeting. Barrie made a motion to approve the minutes, Carol seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report- Ann Easter reported as of July 1, 2020 we have a total of \$11,393.65 pending audit. The Evelyn Davis Scholarship balance is \$1,217.35.

Correspondence- Carol Loehrke did not receive any correspondence. Barrie McClain read a thank you letter from Dorothy Moore recipient, Maggie Hopper from Cass County. Ann Easter read a thank you letter from Save the Children Fund for our donation of \$325.

Reports of Standing Committees

Society Business

Finance- Deb Corso reported that the budget was sent out. A few corrections were made about membership totals. Deb will make the corrections and send a final proposal.

Membership- Fay Miller - 3 candidates from Cass County and 3 candidates from White County are recommended for the October ballot.

Literacy- Cindy Leduc and Cynthia McQuinn - no magazine distribution at this time

Program of Work

Program- Barrie McClain - no program for October due to COVID

Professional Affairs- Kathy Bahnaman and Bri Herrold - no program and no meal due to COVID

Music- Christine Legler - no music at this meeting due to COVID

Educational Services

Scholarships- Kaye Gutwein - on hold for right now

Book Awards- Jillian Layton - on hold for right now

Communications- Sally McAndrews - no rush before October meeting

International Projects- Cheryl Glaser and Myrt Collins - no materials yet - on hold

Unfinished Business-

New Business-

1. Approval of budget - Carol made a motion to approve as presented. Barrie seconded the motion carries, the motion carried. *Recording Secretary will recommend a motion
2. New member nominations - Ann and Fay will follow up with those being nominated from Cass County. Jill and Teresa will follow up in White County.
3. October 3rd meeting:

What will it look like? How do we meet safely and still conduct business?

 - After discussion, it was decided that we would cancel our in-person October meeting. Members will be notified of the cancellation and the plan we made for conducting chapter business, The GAB will be an expanded edition, covering

announcements, reports, and other items that would have been covered at the meeting. It will also include the proposed budget and information about the proposed candidates for membership. After the GAB is distributed, members will receive an email ballot with member candidates and the proposed budget for voting. We will need a written receipt with our members' results and will need $\frac{4}{5}$ of all members to respond with their vote.

Distribution of program booklets if we don't meet in person.

- Books will be distributed by hand through officers.

What information do we need to include in the GAB?

- President's letter, instructions for voting, report on International Convention
- proposed budget
- information about new member candidate
- photo and bio of Dorothy Moore Award winner
- Woman of distinction- Michele Starkey
- Dates to Remember

Deadline to get information to Sally- aiming for October 20

4. International Convention Report- Teresa Odle reported that the convention was all online this year. Teresa watched several of the sessions online and sent a summary to State President Jo Jones, which meets the attendance requirement in the list to qualify our chapter for the Golden Key Award.

Announcements- Five Star Communication Award

Women of Distinction- Michele Starkey, District III Superintendent of the Year

Dates to Remember

October 31, 2020 Proposals for presentations at State Conference due

November 1, 2020 Applications for state offices due (President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Nominations/Personnel Comm,)

November 1, 2020 Submissions for Hoosier Newsette due

December 2, 2020 New Member Orientation meeting, 5:00

December 9, 2020 Executive Board Meeting at Jill Woods' home, 5:00 pm

December 12, 2020 Gen. Meeting at Calvary Presbyterian Church, Logansport, 8:30 am

February 1, 2021 Applications for state offices due (President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Nominations/Personnel Comm,)

February 1, 2021 Poster applications for State Conference due to Stephanie Walsh

April 23-25, 2021 State Conference, Swan Lake Resort, Plymouth, IN

July 21-24, 2021 DKG International Conference, San Antonio, TX

President Teresa Odle adjourned the meeting at 4:40pm.

Recording Secretary,
Jill Woods

International Projects

Finding spare change in the couch and money in pockets as you clean and organize during this challenging time? Save that change for our next Gamma Mu meeting. This year for International Projects we will be supporting the Schools for Africa project. This project is a partnership with UNICEF. UNICEF's educational programs are in thirteen countries in Africa and work to improve early childhood development and access to quality primary and secondary education. At our next meeting we will collect a donation from members to support the Schools for Africa project. More information on this program can be found at www.schoolsforafrica.com.

2021 Book Awards

Because of the chaos that COVID brought last spring, the 2020 Book Awards were not given. The budget that was approved in October provided for awarding those plus the 2021 Book Awards. Applications for this year will be going out to Caston, Lewis Cass, Tri County, and Twin Lakes. If you know of any young ladies from those schools who will be pursuing a career in education, please encourage them to see their guidance counselor for an application.

Orientation and Induction

We will be welcoming Sharon Foster, Melissa Gregorovic, and Amanda McKinzie to Gamma Mu at our next chapter meeting. At this time, our Orientation meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 5:00 pm at the "Stable" across from Pisgah Church. Induction will take place at our February 6, 2021 meeting at Webb Chapel United Methodist Church, Logansport.

International Project: Hope for Haiti's Children (Wrap-Up)

You may remember that the International Project in February 2020, was "Hope for Haiti's Children". Due to the cancellation of meetings, many of our members were not given the opportunity to support this project for the children of Haiti who are in desperate need of help. Here is a brief summary of this project:

Haiti is the poorest country in Latin America and the Caribbean. Many of the children in Haiti are child slaves or "restaveks". They desperately need loving homes and a good education in order to succeed in life.

Each DKG member was given a heart bank at the February meeting to collect spare change for the children of Haiti. It was to be returned at the May Meeting.

Anyone who did not have the opportunity to support this important project or who would like to give an additional donation, please send your contribution to Marla Sellers or Ann Easter by Tuesday, December 15th. (You may keep the heart box.) You will receive a gift for your donation as well as the satisfaction of knowing that you are making a difference in the lives of some of the poorest and most desperate children in the world. Thank you so much for showing that Gamma Mu sisters have the most giving hearts!

Scholarship Information

The following scholarships are available to DKG members:

International - \$6000 awarded annually for up to 30 DKG members pursuing graduate study.

State –

\$350 Travel/Study grant to members at least 55 years old for the purpose of personal growth

Up to \$500 Mini-Grant for professional development

\$1000 State Scholarship for enhancing professionalism

Up to \$1500 Shanks Scholarship for a guidance/counseling degree or endorsement

\$2500 Greenleaf Scholarship for a member who has been admitted to a doctoral program

Local

Mini-grant for professional development, not to exceed \$200

Up to \$500 Evelyn Davis Scholarship for members pursuing graduate study

Applications are available from the Chapter President, Teresa Odle, the Scholarship Chairman, Kaye Gutwein, or from the Indiana State Organization website

<https://dkgindiana.org/scholarship.html>.

Online Leadership Seminars

Beginning January 18, 2021 and continuing on consecutive Mondays through February 15, 2021, the Indiana State Organization is offering a five-part leadership development seminar via Zoom. “Celebrating Opportunities Through DKG” will be led by internationally renowned speakers who were scheduled to present at the Philadelphia Convention this past summer. You can earn one PGP point for each session you attend. Look for more information and registration information in the December Edition of the Hoosier Newsette or on the state website. This is also available to teachers not in DKG, so invite your friends to join you.

Just a Reminder

If you wish to contribute to the book fund because of the silent auction cancellation, don't forget to send your donation by December 31st to:

Ann Easter
2500 High Street.
Logansport, IN 46947

Memorial Tribute



Carolyn Michael, a charter member of Gamma Mu, and society member since 1963, passed away November 8, 2020. Carolyn spent her career as an elementary teacher at Jefferson and Fairview Schools in Logansport. She was a loyal member of the chapter and will be missed.

*Have a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*