



# INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

## ALPHA OMICRON CHAPTER

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

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### Dates to Remember:

#### **Saturday, February 8, 2020, 9**

**am:** St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 514 W. Washington St., Winchester. **Economic Growth.** Hostesses: \*Marcie Nicholson, Polly Roberts, Linda Puccini, Fran Feistritzer, Susan Symons, Bonnie Bell, Candy Wilson.

#### **Saturday, April 4, 2020, 9 am:**

Jericho Friends, 4010 E. CR 100 S, Winchester. **Scholarship** and auction for Easter. Hostesses: \*Nancy Brumfield, Joy Rolle, Pat Knasinski, Peggy Moore, Laura Northcutt, Julie Nelson, Julie Northcutt, Taylor Aughe.

#### **Saturday, April 25, 2020 DKG**

State Conference at Ball State University in Muncie.

#### **Wednesday, June 3, 2020:**

Summer fun meeting, perhaps at Ghyslain Chocolates (We thought with e-learning days we could have an early June meeting again. If it doesn't work, we can change it.) Hostesses: \*Lori Clevenger, Kerry Hinkle, Carla Cook, Tammy Brouse, Treva Gough.

#### **July 7-11, International Convention in Philadelphia**

#### **President Ingrid's Message**

Delta Kappa Gamma members:

Happy 2020! Hope your holiday celebrations were filled with family, loving feelings, and a good vision of the future. This new decade has brought more change to me than the last five decades together. I don't welcome change, so this is hard. I wish I had some inspiration or insight to share, but right now, in the thick of it, my head is in a spin. Glad of people like you that I can count on to keep it together. Thanks for all you've done in the last decades for DKG, and thanks for all you'll do in this fresh new one. Let's continue to celebrate our society!

#### **Our Meeting**



On November 2, 2019 seventeen members of DKG and two guests met for our meeting at the Redkey Nazarene Church. Immediately after reciting the "Blessing", we enjoyed a delicious brunch of egg



casseroles, muffins, coffee cakes, quiche, bacon, link sausage, coffee, and juice prepared by women of the Nazarene Church. Katie Kerns' students provided the placemats.



Kathy Nelson introduced Mark Leavell owner of Redkey Junction. As a brief background, Mark told us that Redkey (named after James

Redkey) started with a glass factory and was strategically located at the junction of two railroads. At that time there were 50 stores downtown. Due to circumstances the Redkey downtown in the future housed almost no stores. Five years ago Redkey began to open antique stores. Now all but two store fronts are filled. Businesses include Lil Bistro, Oakley Antiques, Key Boutique, L.A. Pizza, Hairway to Heaven, Blind Tiger Coffee Shop, and Key Palace (blues music). All stores are open on Saturday and Mark invited us to take advantage of their downtown.

Next Kathy introduced our guest speaker Alice Johnson who gave us her history in education before beginning her presentation on supporting our educators. She has several concerns today. Presently there are approximately 77,000 educators in Indiana, 3,467 of whom have emergency permits. This means there are over 3,000 people in front of our children who

do not possess teaching credentials.

In addition, there are four bodies which have power in decision making in public education. Presently the Superintendent of Education is the only one elected while other agencies are appointed by the governor. After 2020 The Superintendent will be appointed by the governor and thus he/she will have complete control in all education matters. Thus, our kids will have no advocacy and our teachers no voice. It is imperative that we educators listen to the platforms of candidates carefully and vote accordingly.

In education there was a time when a student could not cope, it became a biomedical issue treated with drugs. Students grew up without the coping skills necessary for dealing with life. Now kids are gaining emotional intelligence skills. They learn there is a difference between feelings and actions. Everyone feels angry at times and needs emotional skills to cope with that emotion. Or all people want things that make us happy for a while but not for long. Students need to train their brains to know this.

Studies have come up with 24 Character Traits. You can take a test to see what traits you exhibit. We have been teaching that we should have all of these when in fact we are all different with different strengths and thus may be good at three or four of these. Students need to be aware that they do not need to be experts at all of these, and this is very important when students are serving on teams.

Alice presented five ways in which we can support our teachers. One



is to use our voice when talking to others about

education. The second was to create short case studies teachers could use in the classroom to help students discuss how to deal with different life situations. At the same time think of ways to promote the well-being of teachers and administrators. For example, we could create a retreat in the school for teachers by supplying a coffee bar similar to one Kerry Hinkle described at Northside Elementary. The fourth idea was to go in groups to school to replace teachers so that they have time for collaboration with one another. And the fifth was to actively volunteer at school events. Think of ways you can be of service.

### **Moment of Inspiration**

Anita Isch presented the Moment of Inspiration by reading Mark 11:25 leading us to forgive one another. Corrie Ten Boom said forgiveness is an act of will independent of the temperature of the heart. Be an encourager, forgive whether you want to or not.

### **Our Business Meeting**

**Secretary's Report:** Joy Rolle's summary of our last meeting was accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Peggy Moore reported that we have \$80 for scholarships from baskets and today added \$80 more to the total. Our budget has a balance of \$1469.40 at the present time.

**Books Alive:** If you wish to donate freezer bags, please purchase the cheapest ones.

**Early Education:** More supplies were donated today.

**April 25<sup>th</sup> State Conference:** This will take place at Ball State and we will need all of you to volunteer to help on that Saturday. The Newzette will have the registration form.

**Upshot of Alice Johnson's talk:** We will discuss coffee bars at our next meeting and finalize at the summer meeting so that supplies are in place for start of school. The coffee bar at Union City has a Keurig and volunteers supply coffee, cream pods, cups, sleeves, tea, an organizer, plates, napkins, and stirrers.

**Next Meeting:** Our February 8 meeting will be held at St. Josephs in Winchester. Our subject is Economic Growth with Annette Alexander as our guest speaker.



**Drawing:** The Thanksgiving basket was won by Julie Nelson and the Holiday basket by Kerry Hinkle. Connie Roberts won the purse made by Ann Marie Kesler.

### **About Our Members**

**Anita Isch**—I visited Niagara Falls in October with Memories in Motion from Ft. Wayne. On this trip I saw the falls straight on, from the side, from several feet lower, and from 775 feet higher as well as from behind. Our group enjoyed a dinner in a revolving restaurant on the tower at 775 feet altitude. We even got to see the falls at night with all the colored lights. And finally, we went to a dinner where the actors served as the wait staff.

At home I teach an adult class and also played piano for three church revivals.

**Joy Rolle**—For two hours a day I spend time with and make lunch for my 90-year-old cousin who suffers from leukemia. For the sixth time I am a new great grandmother. My granddaughter had a granddaughter named Averyanna Willow who joined two brothers Colson aged nine and Tyson aged two.

**Kerry Hinkle**—The Hinkles have finally packed the camper away for 2019. We have been all over and are now planning and dreaming of Disney 2020. We had a VERY challenging start in Kindergarten this year, but they are coming along and we are so proud of them!

**Linda Puccini**—I recently adopted my third beagle. I now have Sam, Micah, and Ruthie. I appeared with Kerry Hinkle in the Randy Players production of “Vintage Hitchcock.”

#### **Ruth Zicht and Connie**

**Roberts**—We embarked on a Viking Cruise, “City of Lights.” We began with four days in Paris, then got on the boat. We traveled to four countries including France, Germany, Czech Republic, and Luxembourg. We finished in Prague with a four-day tour. We saw many castles, cathedrals, historic sites, and vineyards. We had great food and wine and it was a wonderful trip.

**Ruth Zicht**—I volunteered at the “Live to Lead” conference, a half-day leadership and personal growth event that was hosted live from Atlanta, GA on Oct. 11, 2019. Winchester Community High School hosted selected students/business leaders from all Randolph County. The attendees learned from renowned leadership experts from a variety of industries to gain a new perspective on relevant topics and got practical tools to take home with them.

**Connie Roberts**—I serve on the parish council and the scholarship

committee for the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Portland. This year we awarded six scholarships to students.

#### **Books You Might Enjoy**

##### **The Book of Gutsy Women by Hillary Rodham and Chelsea**

**Clinton**—This book is a collection of stories about women who have stood up for their beliefs courageously.

##### **Song of Alaska series by Tracie**

**Peterson**—Each book takes place in Alaska and fall into the romance genre.

##### **Ask Again, Yes by Mary Beth**

**Keane**—Frank Gleeson and Brian Stanhope, rookie NYPD cops, reside next door to one another raising their families. No one truly knows what goes on behind closed doors, but one night a tragedy occurs which will tear the two families apart. But Kate Gleeson and Peter Stanhope, teenagers falling in love at the time, are caught in the middle. This is a story of love and what that is and how we choose to live that out in our lives. This is such a memorable story, hard to put down, and will find you contemplating the discussion questions included at the end.





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