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From the President...

Thanksgiving is now behind us, and Christmas is just around the corner. Two holidays that are centered around family and traditions. It's the time of year we gather to share and celebrate together.

Thanksgiving seems to be more about the things we have. The things we've been given for which we are grateful. The bounty of the harvest and the sharing of a feast with loved ones. It's having quality time to spend together. Or at least time together while sleeping off a turkey coma or sitting in front of a televised football game.

Christmas to me is more about giving and the gift. Not only THE GIFT we were given, which is the whole reason for Christmas, but the special gift we're giving that we watch someone open under the tree. It's the gift that we can be to others filling their needs, giving of our time, finding that special thing that gives them joy. As teachers, I think it's second nature to be the giver. We find ways to meet the needs of "our kids". We give more

time than we have. We expend our energy until there is no more to give. We give the gift of nurturing. We give them possibilities.



This Christmas I hope you find joy in giving to others and happiness in

the simplest gifts you receive. I hope you find time to nurture yourself as much as others. I hope you experience the wonder and magic of the season. I hope you are blessed with peace, hope, and love this Christmas and in the New Year. And most of all, I hope you will never be too grown up to search the skies on Christmas Eve.

*Teresa Odle
President*

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December Meeting

Silver Bells, Sleigh Bells, and School Bells for Gamma Mu

Members of Gamma Mu Chapter will meet on Saturday December 11th at Calvary Presbyterian Church to enjoy the sights and sounds of Christmas. With a cup of coffee in one hand and a pencil in another, they can begin to browse the many tables of silent auction treasures.

They will then be called to the sanctuary at 9:00 for a beautiful induction ceremony which will be followed by another round of now competitive bidding! Shopping will be interrupted by the call to enjoy a lovely brunch prepared by Calvary Church.

Another chance to check on silent bids will then quickly move on to the introduction of Michele Starkey, Superintendent of Logansport Community School Corporation. Michele, a member of Gamma Mu, will present a program regarding new state mandated programs and their implementation. She will also include an update on the changes to LCSC with the construction of a new building that will house 5th and 6th grade students. Thank you, Michele! A business meeting will follow, along with the long-awaited announcement of the silent auction winners. This will find members counting out money, writing checks, and celebrating the large amount of money that will go to fund our scholarships.

The meeting will be adjourned with the sound of the gavel and the singing of We Wish You a Merry Christmas!

Marjorie Miller and Allison Chambers,
Co-chairmen

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. This month they will go to various laundromats in Cass County.

Dates to Remember...

January 26, 2022 - GAB submission deadline

February 1, 2022 - International Scholarship Application deadline

February 2, 2022 - Executive Board meeting

February 5, 2022 - February General meeting, First United Methodist Church, Logansport

April 23, 2022 - State Convention, Hendricks Co. 4-H Fairgrounds

June 8, 2022 - CCOT (Presidents and Treasurers), Indianapolis

July 12-16, 2022 - International Convention, New Orleans, LA

Silent Auction!

It's Bid Time! Saturday, December 11th is your opportunity to replenish the Book Award fund by bringing and bidding on items at the annual silent auction. What fun it can be to challenge other bidders for those special items that always up the ante. Christmas wreaths, decorations, stocking stuffers, baked goods, party mixes, and other gift items appeal to the members. For newer members and initiates, Gamma Mu presents \$500 grants in the spring to senior girls in Cass and White County corporations. All proceeds from the Silent Auction funds the two grants.



**Gamma Mu Chapter
General Meeting
United Methodist Church, Monticello, IN
Saturday, October 1, 2016**

Coffee hour and committee meetings began at 8:30 a.m.

President Teresa Odle welcomed 41 members at 9:00 a.m. Teresa Odle led the singing of the blessing. Members then enjoyed a delicious brunch of breakfast casserole, bacon, potatoes, fruit salad, and cinnamon rolls.

Following the brunch, Teresa Odle and Karen Ward led the membership in the ceremony of remembrance for Colleen Shook who passed away July 30, 2021.

Call to Order: President Teresa Odle called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. and presented the Thought for the Day: "Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go." -- Anonymous

Approval of Minutes: Judy Neilan read the minutes from the June 8, 2021 meeting for secretary Jill Woods. Myrt Collins moved we accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Elaine Nesius and carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Dina D'Andrea read the report from treasurer Ann Easter. As of June 30, 2021- cash balance available: \$10,444.14. See attached year-end report. The treasurer's report was filed for review and there were no discrepancies in the report.

Correspondence: Carol Loehrke read a letter from UNICEF thanking us for the \$250 donated to Schools for Africa in May. Carol also passed three cards around for members to sign for Muriel Turner who lost her husband this week and two thinking of you cards for Chris Polei and Susan Rodriguez.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Society Business

Finance: Teri Roscka presented the proposed 2021-2022 budget. The total estimated income is \$8,027.00. The total estimated cash for budget is \$19,766.89. Teri reminded the members that

proceeds from the Silent Auction are used to fund the two \$500 book awards. Estimated expenses are \$9,350. Estimated balance in General Fund June 30, 2022: \$9,121.14. Teri read the recommendation from Finance Committee that the proposed 2021-2022 budget be accepted. The motion was seconded by Penny Schaefer and passed.

Membership: Fay Miller had the sponsors of the five candidates who are being nominated for membership tell us about the candidates. These are Cindy McQuinn told about Judy Bushman-White County; Sally McAndrews told about Katie Easter- Cass County; Carol Conrad told about Jill Gilford-White County; Teresa Odle told about Debbie Metzger-White County and Barrie McClain gave information on Kim Schroder- Cass County. The membership voted by paper ballot to accept the five candidates. Fay will send the invitations to the five candidates. The sponsors should also talk with the five candidates giving them the dates for orientation and the induction ceremony.

Literacy: Teresa advised the co-chairs of the Literacy Committee to check with facilities and divide the magazines that were brought today as they wanted. Some facilities are still not accepting the materials. The donated books and magazines will be distributed in White County this time.

Program of Work

Program: Barrie McClain thanked Teresa Odle and Mary Ann Rusk for their work on the new program books. Barrie asked everyone to check her name, address, phone number and emails. She passed around a clipboard for changes and corrections in addresses. She reminded everyone to check the committee assignments.

Professional Affairs: Co-chairpersons Mary Ann Morris and Carol Conrad thanked everyone for their help today in setting up and filling in for those committee members who could not be here. Mary Ann thanked Carol for preparing the delicious brunch. Beautifully decorated centerpiece pumpkins were available to purchase.

Music: Christine Legler led us in singing some Halloween songs adapted from well-known Christmas carols.

Educational Services

Scholarships: Kaye Gutwein is the new Scholarship Chairman. She encouraged members to apply for scholarships and mini-grants. She explained the various scholarships and grants available to members.

Communications: Sally McAndrews thanked everyone for submitting articles on time. Teresa Odle announced that Gamma Mu received the Five Star Award for newsletters at the State Executive Board meeting in September and thanked Sally for her work on the GAB.

International Projects: Cheryl Glaser and Myrt Collins explained the “Chip in for Schools in Africa” International Project. Members were asked to put in money in the cups on the tables and to take home the bags of chips at each place.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

- Report of International Conference- Teresa asked members to read the report in the GAB. Her president’s article in the GAB was the report. She said she and Jill Woods made lots of connections with other DKG members.
- Report of State Convention- The State Convention was shortened to a one day celebration of Jo Jones biennium and installation of Stephanie Walsh as new State president. Gamma Mu had seven members attend the State Convention. Stephanie’s theme for her biennium is “Don’t Give Up the Ship”. Stephanie challenged each chapter to increase membership by 5 percent. We will increase ours by over 5 percent when we induct the five candidates in December.
- Teresa reminded members about the Fall Arts Retreat (FAR). Registration is due by October 10. She has registration forms or we can go online to the State website and obtain the registration. The FAR will be held November 13.
- Marjorie Miller asked members to consider applying for the State position of Treasurer. Leslie Hamman is retiring from

the position but will mentor anyone who takes the position. The State Nominating committee is also in need of people to serve on that one. See Marjorie if interested. She is the State Chairman of Nominations/Personnel.

Announcements and Dates to Remember

- Oct. 10 Registration for FAR due
- Oct. 31 State Conference workshop presenter applications due
- Nov.13 Fall Arts Retreat, Noblesville, IN
- Dec.1 Deadline for GAB submissions
- Dec. 6 New member orientation, Pisgah Church, 5:00
- Dec. 8 Executive Board meeting, Teresa Odle’s, 5:00
- Dec. 11 General meeting, Calvary Presbyterian, Logansport

Adjournment: President Teresa Odle adjourned the business meeting at 10:40 a.m. and we sang the DKG song.

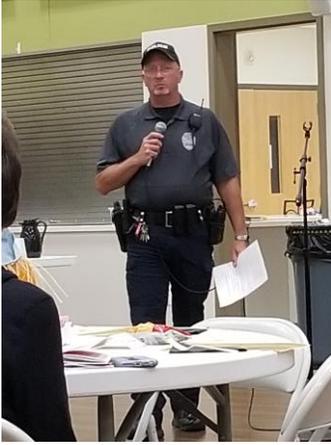
Program: “The School and Law Enforcement Collaboration” -Jim Bolen, Frontier School Resource Officer, and White Co. Canine Officer, Sgt. Josh Shoemaker and his partner Storm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Woods, Recording Secretary (by Judy Neilan)
Teresa Odle, President



White County Canine Offer, Sgt. Josh Shoemaker demonstrates procedure with his partner Storm



Frontier School Resource Officer, Jim Bolen, explains his role in the schools.

Member Milestones

Our December meeting is always one of my favorites. One of the reasons is that we induct new members to our Society at that meeting. We also recommit ourselves to the mission, vision, and purposes of the Society. As we welcome and celebrate with our five new inductees, I would also like to recognize our members who have been around for a while and thank them for their dedication and service to Delta Kappa Gamma and our Gamma Mu chapter.

60 years or more: Margaret Piety (61)

50 years or more: Nancy Hefley (58), Sandra Taylor (52)

45 years or more: Leona Gorden (46), Janie Hornung (46), Penny Schaefer (46)

40 years or more: Peggy Billiard (41), Janet Bowyer (41), Elaine Brown (44), Katharine Busch (44), Carolyn Cassidy (43), Myrt Collins (44), Linda Morris (44), Mary Ann Morris (44), Elaine Nesius (43), Mary Ann Rusk (40), Sandra Thompson (44), Karen Ward (44)

35 years or more: Joy Bailey (38), Dee Ann Daniels (37), Cathy Herrell (39), Rachel Mann (38), Marjorie Miller (35), Chris Polei (38)

30 years or more: Judy Correll (31), Cynthia Custer (30), Mary B. Frey (34), Cheryl Glaser (30), Barrie McClain (34), Cheryl Rich (31), Cheryl Scheffer (32), Muriel Turner (33)

25 years or more: Ruth Bender (28), Deb Corso (29), Donna Courtice (25), Marie Crutchfield (28), Dina D'Andrea (25), Rita McLochlin (27), Teresa Odle (28), Marsha Riggs (28), Marla Sellers (26)

Teresa

International Projects

Schools for Africa became Delta Kappa Gamma's first official project in 2010. Since the partnership was established with UNICEF over \$450,000 has been raised to benefit children.

Four focus areas of Schools for Africa are: early learning, quality learning, equity and adolescence for success. The goal is to create a safe and protective environment for children to learn and play.

Thank you, Gamma Mu, for doing your part to generously donate to this project. Your donations in October of \$162.00 were greatly appreciated.

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