



Alpha Zeta Gazette

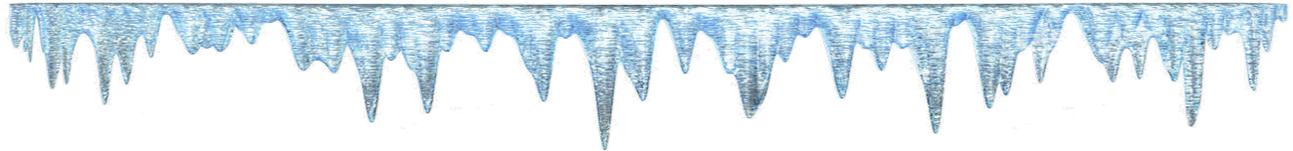
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

Indiana State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International,
Alpha Zeta Chapter of Grant, Huntington, Wabash and Whitley Counties in Indiana

Mission Statement: To promote professional and personal growth
of women educators and excellence in education.

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Dear Alpha Zeta Sisters,

We are in the midst of the Holiday Season. Sometimes we become so busy with the planning and preparation that we forget the “why” for our celebrations. I am hoping that this letter finds you taking some time to enjoy the sounds and sights of the holidays. Enjoy time together with family and friends. Take pictures, laugh, love, and share the Joy of the season.

As we prepare to meet again in January, don’t forget to call a member that you have been missing at our meetings. If each of us calls one person, to either return or to join, we should be able to multiply our love for DKG together in Wabash. If you know of any prospective members, please invite them to attend as your guest. Call one and bring one. Let’s keep growing

Speaking of our January 18th meeting, I have been so excited about this program. Our meeting will be short, so please read this newsletter for the shared committee information. Plan on spending our morning learning about the Wabash Historical Museum and the Honeywell Center. What a great program to share with others. Let’s hope the weather cooperates so that we can all be together. Please stay alert to the phone tree if we need to cancel.

In April, the Indiana State DKG Conference will be held in Muncie Indiana. It is only a one-day event and so close for us to attend. My goal is for 10 or more sisters from AZ to attend for the day on April 28, 2020. Please make your reservations now so that we can begin to plan for carpooling. At the March meeting we can begin to set up the carpooling arrangements. My registration has been submitted, has yours?

Continue to fill up your Apple Banks. The money will be used to add to our Grants in Aids funds. Please get names to the Linda Sutton so that we can give a grant-in-aid to at least 3 young future teachers at our March Meeting. Consider it the first apple for those future teachers. Let’s keep the light in their eyes shining bright for education.

Oh boy, it is time for another Apple Story.

After the New Year’s champagne is drunk and the Christmas tree is set out on the curb, the holiday season feels emphatically over. But in many apple-growing regions, there’s still one last celebration in January. Apple wassailing, which has origins in southeast and southwest England, features a procession to the best apple tree in the orchard. There, revelers sing to the tree, decorate it with slices of toast to feed good spirits (and birds), and shoot rifles to scare away demons. Christmas-carolers may be familiar with the term “wassail.” An old Anglo-Saxon term for “Be in good health,” it became shorthand for both caroling and a spiced hot drink, made with either ale or cider. While pouring cider around tree roots, everyone usually shares a fanciful bowl of wassail. Why do people bundle up and sing to bare winter apple trees? The tradition dates back around 500 years, but some suspect it has

roots in the Roman tradition of honoring the goddess of fruit, Pomona. One common element to the tradition has always been noise—apple wassailing used to be called “apple howling” too. Shouting, banging on pots, and even hitting trees with sticks. Often, it’s celebrated on January 5, which is Twelfth Night, the last day of the Twelve Days of Christmas. But Twelfth Night used to be on January 17. When the British switched from the ancient Julian calendar to the Gregorian system, though, in 1752, many counties kept the tradition on the old date. Old English customs faded with the Industrial Revolution, but the tradition still got attention. In 1862, American writer Henry David Thoreau mused on apple wassailing, describing a chant meant to encourage the best-producing tree in the orchard:

*‘Here’s to thee, old apple-tree,
Whence thou mayst bud, and whence thou mayst, blow,
And whence thou mayst bear apples enow!
Hats-full! caps-full!
Bushel, bushel, sacks-full!
And my pockets full, too! Hurrah!’*

Even though the apple trees themselves are leafless and bare for the winter, wassailing is a way to beat back the grimness of winter and celebrate future apple bounty. So if you’re anywhere near an apple tree this January, fire up the toaster and heat up some cider. The trees are counting on you to hang bread on their limbs, pour alcohol on their roots, and fire guns through their branches.

BY ANNE EW BANK JANUARY 5, 2018

<https://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/apple-wassail-orchards-cider-january-tradition>

I am looking forward to seeing you at our January 18th meeting in Wabash. Thank you Susan Keefer for all of your work on this program.

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Apple Banks

Don’t forget to continue feeding your Apple Banks. You’ve been given a creative challenge to write a story for or about your bank. [Please submit them by our March Meeting.](#) Sue Corbin will compile our endeavors into a booklet for our May meeting.

DKG Bulletin Collegial Exchange - If you haven’t read your most recent magazine, you need to check out the ‘Viewpoint’ page 17, featuring an article by our own Karen Kinney! Karen’s passion for reading and writing continues to be expressed in this article and her numerous workshops at both the state and local levels. Thank you for your article, Karen!

Alpha Zeta January Meeting

Meeting date: **January 18, 2020**

Time: **9:00 A.M**

Place*: **Wabash County Historical Museum**
36 E. Market Street, Wabash, In 46992

*A reminder will be sent in January with directions.

Cost: \$5.00 @ door

Reservations *due* by January 10th

To: **Brenda Landis**

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PROGRAM: "Art & Visual Thinking Strategies"

Teresa Galley, presenter, Honeywell Educational Outreach Program

Alpha Zeta Minutes for November 9, 2019 will be sent later and presented at the January meeting.

Announcements:

April 25, 2020 **DKG Indiana State Conference** at Ball State University, Muncie, IN

Committee Chairman and Officer Training:

North Location: **June 13, 2020**, at Lebanon Central Christian Church, Lebanon, IN

South Location, **June 18, 2020**, at Seymour Immanuel Lutheran Ch. in Seymour, IN

November 7, 2020 **Janet O'Neal Seminar for Personal Growth** in Logansport, IN

July 7-11, 2020 **DKG Convention** in Philadelphia, PA

Committee Reports– PLEASE review these before the January meeting!

Society Business

Finance: Janet Vesa reports that the 2020-21 budget will be presented at the January meeting. A copy is attached to this email for each member to look over before the meeting.

Membership: No report

Nominations: No report.

Memorial Committee: No report

Communications & Publicity: No report

International Projects: No report.

Personal Growth: This year at each meeting, as the hostess committee seats us with ones we may not know, the Personal Growth Committee with used “social-mixer” type questions to help us to get to know one another better.

There were Interesting observations from these “mixer” questions. . . apparently 50% of sisters do **not** think waiting in line is an opportunity to pause, relax and meditate while 33% **do** take advantage of that time. One sister is okay either way—sounds like a very reflective person.

Of the nine sisters responding to the favorite Girl Scout cookie question, it's Thin Mints taking the lead at four, Peanut Butter garnering two votes, Shortbread coming in at one. While one sister doesn't partake of any of those delicious wonders the ninth sister likes so many she could not decide a favorite!

Technologically we are **forward moving ever**. . . 9/16 take photographs with a cell phone, 4/16 use a camera and 3/16 use nothing. . . hmmm, maybe a photographic memory???

We are definitely a social group of ladies with 50% using every avenue to communicate . . . it doesn't matter if it's email, texting, telephoning, or social media, we just *like* to share! One of us prefers emailing while two simply enjoy the using the phone.

Finally, if you want to challenge any sisters in a coin toss, jump in calling “heads” first because that's what 5/6 ladies usually choose. So, if you are wanting to win 83% of the time, start looking for a two-sided “tails” coin and bet big!

Looking forward to next time—Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Professional Affairs (grant-in-aid): reminder *from* Linda Sutton

Professional affairs committee chooses 3 women a year (1 from each county) to receive a **grant-in-aid**. This award is given at the March meeting. Guidelines for recipients: She must be in her sophomore or junior year of college and plan to pursue teaching as a profession.

I am asking for names and addresses of possible recipients to be submitted to me at any time (Linda Sutton) #(260) 248-6487 to send a text message, rlsutton@embarqmail.com to email me, or call my home phone (260) 244-3463. Even though the award will be given in March, recipients must complete an application...which can be done at any time.

Scholarship:

A reminder about International Scholarships: Some of your members might be working toward a master's or doctorate. Encourage them to apply for an **International Scholarship**. Money is out there for this purpose. Women from Indiana are just as deserving as any lady from another state to earn the scholarship. However, if they do not apply, they certainly won't get one. **The deadline is February 1, 2020.** Please look on the International website for more information, or you may contact Lois Vogel, who is the chairman of the International Scholarship Committee.

Legislative: No report

Chapter Business

Chapter notebook: no report

Cheer: no report

Standing Rules: No report

Music: -- Nancy Kolb writes:

Gene Autry worked nights in a small town telegraph office after high school. During boring times, he would play his guitar and sing. A stranger told him he was wasting his time in the telegraph office. The stranger was Will Rogers. With that encouragement, Gene started singing professionally, becoming popular through his recording of Christmas music among other genres. He recorded the beloved *Frosty the Snowman* in 1951 and it became a million dollar seller. Frosty has given joy to both young and old and Gene Autry gets much credit for Frosty's popularity. But what about the two who wrote the music and words —Steve Nelson and Jack Rollins? I had never heard of them till I was reading about the song. Sometimes it is good to remember that it doesn't really matter who gets the credit, as long as the joy is spread. In fact, I had forgotten that it was Gene Autry who first recorded the song. Even though *Frosty the Snowman* is traditionally sung at Christmas, it seems appropriate for our snowy month of January. It can spark a bit of happiness as we enjoy singing about the snowman who will, indeed, "be back again some day."

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Mark Your Calendars

January 18, 2020	Wabash
March 7, 2020	Grant
May 2, 2020	Huntington
September 19, 2020	Whitley

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