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## Important Dates

**State Officers/Chairmen changeover meeting**  
 MCL Cafeteria, Castleton,  
 Indianapolis  
 Wed., June 21, 2017  
 10:00 a.m.

**2017 Northeast Regional Conference**  
 Windsor, Ontario, Canada  
 July 12-14, 2017  
 \* Bring your passport!

**Fall Officers/Committee Chairs Meeting**  
 LaQuinta Inn, 5120 Victory Dr., Indianapolis (Exit 52 off I-465)  
 Sept. 8, 2017  
 7:00 pm

**Fall Executive Board Meeting**  
 LaQuinta Inn, 5120 Victory Dr., Indianapolis (Exit 52 off I-465)  
 September 9, 2017  
 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
 Registration begins at 9:15  
 Register before August 26 to insure we'll have a meal for you!  
 Guests are welcome but also need a reservation. \$25

## Making Impressions in Indy 2017 Indiana State Convention, April 28-30



*Four participants were alerted to the possibility of a "severe weather event" while visiting the NWS Friday afternoon. Umbrellas were definitely needed all weekend!*



*Bjorg Nakling, Europe Regional Director, brought greetings from the International DKG board.*



*No birthday luncheon is complete without a birthday cake!*



*Glenda Ritz, Beta, former Indiana State Superintendent of Public Instruction, welcomed participants to Indianapolis.*

*More photos:  
2017indianastatedkgconvention.  
shutterfly.com/pictures*

*Email Marti Daily if you'd like to share your own photos!*



*(left) The barbershop quartet, Rush, entertained at the 79th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon with humor and harmony.*

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## From the President

*Jo Ann Manes, Indiana State President*

Summer is fast approaching, and as school is out or soon will be, it's a time to look back at our last year and reflect on the projects and accomplishments of the year. Now it's time to relax, read a book, work in the garden, travel, visit family or whatever you need to have some down time.

Our state convention was a success with the help of all the members who worked to make it happen.

Thank you, members of Council 8, for all your efforts. Breakout sessions were excellent, thanks to Jo Jones. We were honored and delighted to have Bjorg Nakling as our international guest, bringing greetings and information from International. Several first-timers attended, and it was so nice to meet them. The fellowship of seeing old friends and making new ones is always a joy. We elected and installed new state officers for the next biennium. At the Honors Breakfast on Sunday, long-time members were recognized, as were many Women of Distinction for their professional and personal accomplishments. Their names have been posted on the state website. International is looking for a few good women—from many! Are you interested in an expense-free weekend at DKG headquarters discussing the future of the Society? DKGNEXT! is looking for women from a range of membership to have input representing all levels. Anyone from women who have recently joined to long time members are sought to be a part of a Think Tank the weekend of September 29–30, 2017. The deadline to apply is August 11, 2017. The application is on the state website.

This will be my last article as state president, and I want to thank everyone for your support and work throughout this biennium. It has been wonderful working with chapter presidents and visiting many of the chapters. I have met so many wonderful women who are impacting the lives of Indiana children either professionally or volunteering. You are to be commended for your dedication.

May chapters continue to add to our membership and keep up the wonderful projects which help so many. The opportunity to witness that dedication of all members throughout the state is one of the highlights of my term.



Golden Key chapters, 2014–2016  
See p 5

**Hear Ye! Hear Ye!  
Attend an International Convention!**

**Approve the proposed election amendments to the governing documents!**

*Carolyn Rants, Ad Hoc Election Committee Chairman*



As a Convention Attendee in 2020 you would be able to cast YOUR vote for international officers.

As a result of a motion at the Nashville International Convention, President Carolyn Pittman appointed an ad hoc committee to review the work of the 2012–2014 Ad Hoc Election Process Committee and propose amendments to the Constitution and International Standing Rules to enable convention attendees to vote for officers.

***In order for attendees to vote for the officers in 2020, the governing documents must be amended at the upcoming 2018 convention in Austin,***

***Texas.***

Attend a workshop about the election process at your regional conference!

Learn the difference between *Delegate*, *General Election* and *Convention Election* options.

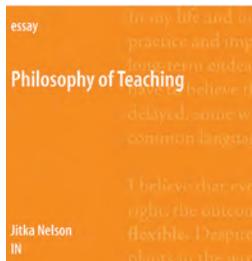
Cast your vote for the proposed amendments! (2018 in Austin)



**Congratulations...**

...once again, to Gamma Mu member and 2017 Indiana Teacher of the Year Jitka Nelson! Two of her writings were selected by the Fine Arts and Humanities Jury to be included in the recent

expansion of the Fine Arts Gallery at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org): a poem, “Mr. Duct Tape,” and an essay, “Philosophy of Teaching.” Check them out!



**Fall Arts Retreat 2017  
Nov. 3 & 4**

*Angie Schonberger, Personal Growth/Professional Affairs  
Committee Chair*

Plans are in progress to make a successful FAR (Fall Arts Retreat) 2017. It will be held in Southern Indiana at St. Meinrad. The registration form is available online at <http://alphaepsilonstatedkg.weebly.com>.



Glenda Ferguson, our registrar, will officially begin taking reservations on July 1, 2017.

If you have a wonderful project or idea that could be completed in an hour or so, please contact Angie Schonberger, chairman or another committee member...Glenda Ferguson or Lynn Shoulders.



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## Treasury Notes

*Leslie Hamman, Gamma Lambda, State Treasurer*

### Dates to Remember

**June 30th** – End of the 2016 Fiscal year – prepare for and schedule a financial review

**July 15th** – Deadline to complete Form 15 for your records and to email or send to me. This information is a necessary part of Indiana's yearend report to International.

**July 1st to November 15th** – Chapter and coordinating council treasurers file IRS 990-N epostcard. Recommendation: Do this with Form 15! Make sure to send me the status form stating your submission has been accepted!

**August** – Receive roster and dues forms from International

**October 31st** – Deadline for dues to be paid to Chapter Treasurer

**November 10th** – Deadline for Form 18, Form 18A, and dues to be sent to me

\*\*\*If you have any questions, concerns, problems... contact me! I am happy to help!\*\*\*

## Strategic Action Planning Committee: Last Report for the Biennium

*Faye Peter, Beta Epsilon, Chairman*

I can't believe two years have passed so quickly, and to think that the Strategic Action Planning Committee has completed its first biennium as a Standing Committee!!! Our committee wishes to thank each one who has helped make this a "working" document to create a stronger and healthier state organization.

A special thanks to each chapter which has created a Strategic Action Plan for its chapter and is monitoring the health of the chapter. Our committee encourages any chapter that has not created a "working" plan for its chapter, please consider making this a priority for the next biennium!

Thanks once again for helping our committee monitor and evaluate our state Strategic Action Plan!

*Faye Peter, Beta Epsilon, Chairman*

*Kaaren Rodman, Omega*

*Nancy Hoff, Beta*

*Jo Ann Manes, Beta Delta, AES President, officio*



*Indiana DKG members at the State Lobbying Day: (l-r) Beth Cohagan, Alpha Sigma; Sarah Ellcessor, Beta; Sandra Brown, Omega; Rosemary Moore, state legislative committee chairman; Pat Douglas Dains, Omega; Roni Embry, Beta; and Kim Fidler, Epsilon.*

## In Case of Disaster, Call DKG!

*Barb Gillan, International Affairs Committee Chairman*



The International Affairs Committee cannot stress too strongly the need for individuals and chapters to continue to make DKG's Emergency Fund a priority. Contributions help our members who have been affected by natural disasters such as tornadoes or floods. The process is quite easy: Go to the International website ([www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)), download and print form 43, then send it off according to the directions on the form. Countless times members who have received this help state that it is often the first financial assistance they get to help them restore some normalcy to their lives.

Spring often brings devastating storms, and tornado season is underway. With Indiana being in tornado country, we never know when we might be affected. Take a moment to reflect on what you would do if you experienced a major loss: Where can you turn for quick relief? Any DKG member simply needs to contact her chapter president, who then passes on the request through the state president and on to International. Let's make this a priority for our sisters throughout the nation!



*Marjorie Miller, (far right), Scholarship Committee Chairman, awarded certificates to Barb Gillan, Alpha Omega (left) for a Travel Study grant and Tiffany Ingles, Beta Mu (center) for a mini-grant to support the expansion of her ukulele music program.*



*2017-2019 Officers  
(l-r) Beth Myers, Secretary; Stephanie Walsh, 1st Vice President; Jo Jones, State President; Rachel Etherington, 2nd Vice President; Lois Vogel, Parliamentarian*

## Golden Key Awards, 2014-2016

*Evelyn Campbell, 2nd Vice President/Membership Committee Chairman*

It is with great pride and pleasure that the Membership Committee of Alpha Epsilon State announces the Golden Key Award Chapters honored at the state convention in Indianapolis on April 30, 2017. We congratulate these chapters for their commitment to excellence, member participation, and chapter accomplishments.



### Golden Key Chapters 2014-2016

- Alpha
- Beta
- Mu
- Kappa
- Alpha Alpha
- Alpha Zeta
- Beta Alpha
- Gamma Mu

### Honor Chapters 2014-2016

- Tau
- Theta
- Beta Phi
- Gamma Lambda



## Inspire Change

*Jo Jones, 2017–2019 Indiana State President*



Before I retired from the classroom, for most of my teaching career, I was involved with the athletic department in many capacities. Every season for every sport, I would hear a coach say, “There is no ‘I’ in team.” That was an important concept for the young sports team members to learn and understand. But now as I embark on this new venture as your state president, I want you to know that there is an “I” in Society. As a matter of fact, if you would look at the word Society, you would know that “I” is the keystone of the word. S-O-C-...I...E-T-Y. “I” helps hold the word together. That’s what I do—I help keep our Society together. I am not trying to be egotistical when I say this because we know when we put all the I’s together, we get WE. So as I speak, I am talking as an individual of the Society.

As each one of us thinks about DKG, we need to think about what we can do to keep our Society strong. Each one of us needs to ask, “What can I do?” In class at some time or other, you might have told the students that what they put into the class will determine what they will get out of class. The same goes for Delta Kappa Gamma. We can’t think about what DKG can do for us without putting a part of ourselves into this Society.

Therefore, what can I do? Since I am important and I must do something, I considered the verbs that begin with the letter “I.” Believe me, there are many. If you decide to look at the verbs in the dictionary, you will see that there are many negative verbs as well as positive ones. Please only concentrate on the positive ones. For example, *imagine...immerse...indulge...intensify...inject...implore...imprint...* and the list goes on and on.

Once again I must ask myself what I can do to make our Society the best it can be. We need to consider what can be done at all levels of our Society.

- **Identify** the strengths. We need to determine what we do well and compliment ourselves. We are a great Society, but we are not above improvement.
- **Illustrate** our weaknesses. Then the committees can take on the job of turning our weaknesses into strengths.
- **Ignite** enthusiasm with my own enthusiasm. I can’t wait for someone else to step up to the plate. I must do that.
- **Increase** membership. I need to look for women who are deserving of membership. I know for a fact we have overlooked some women. We need to be aware of all women teachers who have the same dedication that we showed when we were invited into the Society.
- **Innovate** new ideas for programs or projects. Make it exciting for the ladies who attend the meetings. Make the projects pertinent to the desires of the chapter.
- **Inquire.** I shouldn’t avoid something about DKG just because I don’t understand it. I have many resources—and that includes knowledgeable ladies—who are able to help.
- **Install** officers who are interested in the Society. Well, that takes care of anyone in this room. We are all leaders and we have a high respect for DKG. We can’t allow the same ladies to take the officer positions from biennium to biennium. Sometimes it is difficult to give up a great chapter president, but it is necessary to do just that. Remember that we are key women educators. We are leaders.

## Meet your 2017–2019 Officers



**Jo Jones, Mu  
State President**



**Stephanie Walsh, Alpha Phi  
1st Vice-President**



**Rachel Etherington, Kappa  
2nd Vice-President**



**Beth Myers, Gamma Mu  
Secretary**



**Sue Weber, Alpha Alpha  
Nominations/Personnel Committee  
Southwest Area**



**Barbara Buroker, Alpha Zeta  
Nominations/Personnel Committee  
Northeast Area**

*Inspire Change, continued from p. 6*

● **Invest** time into the Society. Attending a meeting on Saturday, wearing the membership pin, and singing the Delta Kappa Gamma Song are not enough to make our Society strong.

I could go on and on with verbs beginning with the letter “i.” But it is time for me to announce my theme for my biennium. ***Inspire change***. It is time for a change, or in another word, metamorphosis to take place. If you think about the word “metamorphosis,” you would see that it begins with **M-E...me**. When I think of the word metamorphosis, I think back to my grade school science class when we kept a cocoon over the winter and then in spring, a beautiful butterfly appeared. It was beautiful and amazing. What went into the beauty of the butterfly had always been there, but the cocoon had somehow done its magic and a beautiful creature appeared. Delta Kappa Gamma is a grand Society that means quite a bit to us all. However, as members, if we do our magic, a beautiful Society will appear. Therefore, let’s inspire change. We will not lose the grand essence of the Society, we will just bring out the beauty of the Society.



*At left:  
Members of Mu Chapter celebrate Mu’s 75th birthday in February. Besides the birthday cake, members shared old scrapbooks and memories of the chapter’s founders.*

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*White Roses*  
*A life that touches others goes on forever...*

### Chapter Presidents

*Report of the Death of a Member (Form 6) should be prepared by the chapter president immediately upon the death of a member. Copies are to be sent to International (mem@dkg.org); State Treasurer (hammanleslie@yahoo.com); and to the State Membership Chairman (eccampbell1@frontier.com).*

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March 15, 2017  
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#### Tau

Sherleen "Sherri" McKinney  
March 1, 2017  
Columbus

#### Gamma Lambda

Barbara J DeLong  
February 28, 2017  
Auburn

#### Alpha Kappa

Evelyn Irene Rentchler  
April 24, 2017  
New Castle

#### Nancy J Mertz

March 23, 2017  
Auburn

Tau Chapter began sewing shorts and dresses for children in Africa with the help of member Sherri McKinney. As a past chairman of both our World Fellowship and Personal Growth and Development Committees, she felt the sewing project not only provided the opportunity for our Chapter to grow in our commitment to our DKG International project, Schools for Africa; it also would allow us to develop deeper friendships locally in our own chapter. Knowing that the dress or shorts and tee shirts we were providing might be the only new clothing the children might ever have, fueled Sherri's passion for the project.

Three times a year we sew the dresses and shorts in the Family Consumer Science Room at East High School in Columbus, Indiana with the help of a newer Tau member, Karen Nading. A member of our local chapter of The Granny Connection personally delivers the clothing to children in Africa. When Sherri passed away this spring, the women of Tau Chapter decided to continue our sewing project in Sherri's memory. –submitted by Lynette Farless, Tau Chapter Co-President

