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Celebrate the Society
Alpha Epsilon's theme for
2019-2021

Tau's Next Meeting

➤ **Keep your eye on this space in future *Tau Talks*.**



This Lilac-Breasted Roller is here to tell you to stay safe and take some time to enjoy the world around you. Use your phone, computer and/or snail mail to stay in touch with your family, friends, and neighbors.



This little red squirrel is bringing you some nuggets of information so please keep it handy.

- 🎨 **We have Installed our 2020-2022 officers! 😊**
- 🎨 **Their information has been added to the "Tau Chapter" info on this page.**
- 🎨 **Dues of \$75 for active members and \$40 for reserve members are due by June 30. Please mail your dues to Joan Houston, 3055 Seneca Ct, Columbus, IN 47203. If you have questions, please call Joan at 812-376-8670 or email to Joan at pjhouston@sbcglobal.com.**
- 🎨 **Other meeting information will be coming.**



Congratulations to our new officers!



Our new officers were installed via Zoom on June 4, 2020. Once again, we send our thanks to all who agreed to lead Tau Chapter this coming biennium. You will find their contact information and office on the first page of this newsletter. We send our thank you to Lynette Farless and to Natalie Lavengood for their service during the last 2 years. Lynette will continue in the role of “Immediate Past President” and Natalie is continuing as Tau’s Webmaster. As you can see, Jolinn Bodkins and Lois Vogel were in “voice” mode. Georgianna Waldrop did join in but after the screenshot was taken. What a way to hold a meeting. Thank you Lynette for setting this up.



Go to <https://www.dkgindiana.org> to see the photo gallery with more photos from chapters around our state including this one of our Tau meeting☺

<https://www.dkgindiana.org/photo-gallery>



From Shirley Riehn to all members: Please start thinking about specific topics and/or issues that you would like to see as part of the 2020-2021 programs. Please send your thoughts to her for Tau’s Educational Excellence Committee to think

about as they put together the programs for 2020-2021. Shirley's contact information: sdriehn@wmconnect.com or 573-803-7611



The President's Message

Dear Tau Chapter,

The past four years as your Tau President have been a tremendous leadership opportunity for me. I thank you for your support. Just as importantly, serving in this role has offered me the ability to connect with so many of you through our common goals of advocating for education for all.

- We have contributed supplies to Family School Partners, preschoolers and elementary students; donated books for all ages to keep as their own to read and share; sewed dresses and shorts and added T-shirts and underwear for young children in Africa; provided post-its and holders, treats and breakfast as we welcomed incoming teachers; assisted the Girl Scouts and Tots Reading Lots; gathered items for Beloved Bags' mission to help transition children in a more dignified manner into new living situations; tied blankets and stuffed adorably cute animals for children in hospitals and foster care; contributed to Strings in the Schools; assisted East High School FCCLA students attending national competitions and more.
- With the help of the Marjorie Hooten Fund we helped sponsor summer training sessions for BCSC elementary teachers and continued to provide financial support for both member and non-member educators to attend workshops, conferences, and additional training sessions. Tau has also continued to grant graduating seniors and college education students scholarships.
- We held fundraisers where we decorated and filled baskets and purses and brought jewelry, gift cards, desserts, and other hand crafted items and stuffed Easter eggs with donations. These endeavors enabled us to support local organizations whose speakers shared the importance of their work in our community, assist with dues and initiation fees for chapter members, and support all three DKG International projects.

Ladies, we have had fun being together as we shared snacks, visited and grew to know one another better. Tau has been busy and happy supporting our youth, teachers, staff and administrators. Our officers and committee chairs, for the past four years, have not only been dedicated and passionate about their work with Tau, but they have also shown our membership how important it is to work together as a team and to continue to support education in our area going forward.

In closing, I want to thank you all for your faith in me to be your President. I hope you are as proud to be an active member of DKG, Tau Chapter as I am. Your officers and committee chairs have worked for four years in many amazingly positive and uplifting ways to keep us a viable organization. One of the best ways you can thank us for serving is to join our new executive board at each and every meeting and continue to support the great work of Tau Chapter. Say "Yes!" to becoming a committee chair or offer to help an officer and learn more about her role in

our chapter. With the help of many, we will continue our history and vision of being a strong and supportive voice for education in our community.

Lynette



Congratulations to Tau's Scholarship awardees!



From Tau's Scholarship Committee:

The coronavirus pandemic had its impact on Tau Chapter's 2019-2020 scholarship application process. Prior to the original application deadline of April 1 local schools and IUPUC abruptly closed. In hopes an extension of the deadline might generate applicants, the scholarship committee elected to extend the application deadline to April 22. By the extended deadline, the Committee received two high school level applications but none from the collegiate level. Per the Committee's review, both applicants were deemed worthy of receiving a Tau Chapter scholarship. The Committee requested approval for a one-year exception to award two high school scholarships. Due to there being no collegiate applicants and no BCSC summer teacher training for Tau Chapter to support, the Board approved the Committee request. Thus, both high school seniors will receive a \$2000 (\$1000/semester) non-renewable scholarship. Following is information on each of the recipients.

Owen Ballard, an East High School senior, plans to attend the University of Southern Indiana with his area of study being elementary education. In his application essay, Owen shared that last summer he volunteered as a junior counselor at a local camp. For him, this was a life-changing experience. The two weeks at the camp brought him to the realization that 1) he loved spending time with children and helping them learn and grow and 2) a teaching career would give him this opportunity. Owen's East peer mentor facilitator stated "Owen's ability to connect



with others, remain calm and his positive attitude distinguish him from his peers." Another East faculty member wrote in his recommendation form, "Owen is an exceptional student who consistently challenges himself in the classroom, but what sets him apart from his peers is his high character."

Anna Emmert, pictured, another East senior, plans to attend Indiana University with her area of study to be elementary education. In her application essay, Anna stated that she always has wanted to be a teacher even when people discouraged her. While encouraging her to select a college major that would lead to a more lucrative career, they told her she'd regret choosing a career in the field of education. In her junior year Anna decided to seek out an opportunity to test her potential and interest in teaching. After completing this school experience, she was confident that she wanted to become a teacher. In her recommendation form, one of Anna's teachers stated that Anna was one of the hardest working students she has ever known. She went on to say, "Anna is a most wonderful young lady and even when something is difficult she perseveres and does her best." In another recommendation form Anna was described as having a strong moral compass, yet very respectful and compassionate of those with differing beliefs and opinions.

Our best wishes go to these two outstanding high school graduates as they begin the steps to pursue a career in the field of education.



REMEMBER our Dues are due!

TREASURER’S REPORT

June 5, 2020

Balance – April 28, 2020 **\$5,385.76**

Receipts

Dues – 15 A, 1 R 1,165.00

Disbursements

Memorial (Debbie Thomas’s mother) 25.00

Postage 55.00

Supplies.... 26.98

Balance – June 5, 2020 **\$6,443.78**

Note: Available funds for use in 2019-2020 are \$3,813.78. Dues receipts of \$2,630.00 will be applied to budget for 2020-2021.

2020-2021 dues are due to International/State by June 30, 2020. Dues are \$75 for active members and \$40 for reserve members. Please send dues (check written to DKG Tau Chapter) to

Joan Houston
3055 Seneca Ct.
Columbus, IN 47203

Thank you to those of you who have already sent your dues.

Submitted by Joan Houston, Tau Treasurer

**Marjorie Hooten Report
April 2020**

Money Market Checking Account

Income

Interest on Money Market checking \$0.01

Dividend

Total Income \$0.01

Expenses

Suzanna Miller FCCLA Leadership Conference \$200.00

Danielle Kirk	FCCLA Leadership Conference	\$200.00
Holly Newman-Stump	FCCLA Leadership Conference	\$200.00
Total Expenses		\$600.00
Starting Balance		\$1,361.18
Income over Expense		-\$599.99
Current Balance in Money Market		\$761.19
Income Fund as of 03/31/20		\$113,027.69
Money Market + Income Fund		\$113,788.88

	YTD	
Grants (non-members)		\$4,664.00
Scholarships (members)		

Note: Fund showed a gain over the last month of \$6871.82 (April)
 Fund gained \$2,528.83 in May.



*Meet one of the DKG Founders - Dr. Cora M. Martin
November 22, 1884 - April 12, 1965*

Cora Merriman was born in Chico, Texas. Cora's marriage to Francis Robert Martin was a short one when he passed away early in their marriage. After his death, she began preparation for a teaching career. She graduated from North Texas State Normal School in Denton in 1909 and began teaching in Monday, Texas. After teaching in different schools both in the East and in Texas, she moved to the University of Texas to work on her doctorate. It was while she was living at the Faculty Women's Club at the University of Texas, she met and worked with Dr. Annie Webb Blanton. The two frequently discussed the plans to begin Delta Kappa Gamma



Cora played a key role in advising Dr. Blanton concerning the *Constitution*, initiation ritual and program of work. She also polished Dr. Blanton's lyric for the "Delta Kappa Gamma Song," fitting it to the tune of "Men of Harlech." When election of officers took place, Mrs. Martin was selected to be keeper of the records. Cora helped with the organization of Alpha Sigma State (Washington State) and helped Dr. Blanton install Oklahoma's Gamma State.
Dr. Martin died April 12, 1965.

https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/About_Us/Cora_M_Martin.aspx



One of DKG's Purposes: To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation in the interest of education and of women educators.



Keeping Up With Our Tau Sisters



To our Tau members who have birthdays in May, June, and July we hope each of you have a fantastic birthday!



June Hagan – June 2



Davida Harden – June 3



Fran Simmermaker – June 14



Karen Lowe – June 19



Laura Hack – July 6



Barb Pruitt – July 12



Janet Anthony – July 17



Teresa Heiny – July 22



Ellen Pardieck – July 28



Jean Stockdell – Aug. 1



Carol Crossman – Aug. 1



Vera Brown – Aug. 7



Dee Black – Aug. 11



Judy Richardson – Aug. 11



Stephanie Gambrel – Aug. 17



Marjorie Schmeckeber – Aug. 19



Georgianna Waldrop – Aug. 21



Barbara Parker – Aug. 23



Michelle Blasdel – Aug. 25



Sydell Gant – Aug. 27



Samantha Harpring – Aug. 31



Mary Kendrick – Aug. 31



Waterbuck
#wildearth

Tau members, this Waterbuck would like you to double check to make sure that your birthday is part of your listing in Tau's Directory, that is if you want your birthday posted in *Tau Talk*. 😊



If you know of a member who is sick, is grieving because of losing a loved one, needs to be cheered up, or for any special reason the member might need to know we are thinking of them, please let Janice Montgomery know and Janice will send a card. (Janice: lmont72@comcast.net or 812-390-9023)



Please keep **Debbie Thomas** in your thoughts and prayers on the passing of her mother, Betty Ridsen. Joan sent a memorial from Tau to North UMC in Madison, IN in her honor.



Verreaux's Eagle-Owl
#wildearth

This Verreaux's Eagle-Owl is checking to make sure you all saw **Vera Brown's** picture in *The Republic's* June 6, 2020 edition. Check out page A2 in the *Looking Back* section. Then Mayor Robert Stewart is in the picture giving Vera a flower as part of Rockcreek Elementary's celebration of Vera's retirement after 26 years in BCSC.

Also, we would like to make sure that all new retirees have our congratulations especially our own **Karen Nading**. Tau sends you many thanks for all of the delicious dinners you and your CEHS students have prepared for us over the last few years.

Just a bit of ornithology, this owl is the only one that has pink eyelids. It is the largest African owl. It can grow up to 66 cm in height.

Update Your Tau Directory



Meerkat
#wildearth

This meerkat is reminding you to double check to make sure your information is updated. If you have any changes to your information, please see the list below to see who needs to receive your changes.

Remember to use this address for Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

**416 West 12th Street
Austin, TX 78701**



If you are working on a special project that you would like to share in *Tau Talk*, please email the information to Sue at slinder64@mac.com or call 812-371-6097. Pictures of the project are always welcome. **If you have changes to your name, address, school, phone, or e-mail address you need to send the changes to**

the following:

1. Marti Daily at m-daily@comcast.net or to Ms Marti Daily, 9291 Golden Leaf Way, Indianapolis, IN 46260-5071 – **Marti needs your email changes only** so that she can send you your electronic version of *The Hoosier Newsette*.
2. Janice Montgomery at jmont72@comcast.net or to Janice Montgomery, 2129 Dale Ct., Columbus, IN 47203
3. Sue at slinder64@mac.com or to Sue Linder, 3242 Westenedge Dr., Columbus, IN 47203.
4. **Send Form 27 Change of Address to Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The form is on the DKG website, www.dkg.org. Go to Forms then Membership for Form 27. If you need a form, please let Janice or Sue know.**



Dates to Remember



Indiana State Organization

- CCOT this year is being conducted via Zoom meetings.
- 2020 International Convention: July 7-11 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Tau Chapter

- Tau officers and the chairs of the 4 committees in our Educational Excellence Committee (Program, Personal Growth & Professional Affairs, Legislation, & Music) will be meeting this summer to plan the calendar for the 2020-2021 year.

Websites

- DKG Society International: www.dkg.org
- Indiana State DKG: www.dkgindiana.org
- Tau Chapter: www.deltakappagamma.org/IN-tau/



DKG Social Media Accounts

Check these out:

- Facebook: www.facebook.com/dkgorg
- Twitter: @DKG_SI
- Instagram: @DKGSI
- LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/company/delta-kappa-gamma-society-international
- Pinterest: www.pinterest.com/DKGSII/
- You Tube: www.youtube.com/user/DKGAustin

Keep these supplies in mind when it is your committee's turn to host one of Tau's meetings.

- **Plan for about 40 people**
 - **Food items: sweet, salty, sugar free (fresh veggies)**
 - **The April meeting is also Tau's Birthday celebration so think about cupcakes**
 - **Service Utensils (both for serving and for eating)**
 - **Plates**
 - **Napkins**
 - **Cups**
 - **Drinks**
 - **A table covering**



*Photographs by Sue Linder

*Permission to use screenshots from the WildEarth program given by Peter Braat, Technical Director and Chairman of WildEarth.