

# Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

## Chi Chapter

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### PRESIDENT'S PEN

Dear DKG Sisters,

Jack Frost was trying to freeze us out at our last meeting, but the warmth of 28 members completed Valentine cards for Samaritan Caregivers. Carolyn delivered 187 cards with postage for 180. Chocolates and mints donated by everyone will be added to the goody bags for the DKG Conference in April. I am very proud of such a caring and giving society.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 10th at the Friends Meeting on Zartman. "Do you know April Paul?" I don't, but I will make every effort to be there and learn who she is. It should be a very informative meeting. After the meeting is adjourned we need a few

volunteers to stay and help pack the goody bags. I do not anticipate it taking more than 30 minutes. Anyone that could stay a little longer will be greatly appreciated. This all leads to the next question, "Have you registered for the DKG State Conference on April 25th in Muncie?" If you register early (by March 16th) you can save \$5.00. We are one of 4 host chapters putting this conference together. Please consider going and having a good time.

I have tried to introduce the *Seven Purposes* of DKG through the President's letter. Number IV is *To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interest of education and of women educators*. My hope is that we are all educating ourselves by reading, listening, and trying to gain as much information as possible on legislation in the interest of education and then sharing that information. As women educators we need to educate ourselves first and then others.

Membership is very important to our Chi Chapter. Every member is or has been a professional educator. Every member has exhibited the highest standards of an educator. Every member has been honored by invitation to join DKG. And every member needs to honor another professional educator of the highest standards to join DKG. PLEASE help our chapter grow by submitting a name and address to Elaine at our March meeting. Then we will be able to vote on membership at our May meeting for the purpose of induction in October.

I look forward to our March meeting and seeing everyone...including April Paul!

Jet Sundheimer  
*Chi Chapter President*  
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### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of  
Delta Kappa Gamma  
International is  
to promote  
professional and  
personal growth of  
women educators  
and excellence in  
education.

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### NEXT CHI CHAPTER MEETING

Tuesday,  
March 10  
First Friends Church  
4:45 PM

# Monthly Review



Rebekah Gillum, Samaritan Caregivers volunteer coordinator

explained to Chi at the February chapter meeting. Many may have seen "Caregivers" in action as they provided personal visits, transportation, card writing, pet therapy or shopping to many of

Samaritan Caregivers serves the senior population in Howard County and does so with limited resources, relying on volunteers to assist with the organization's services, as Rebekah

Gillum, volunteer coordinator,

our senior citizens while others may have, themselves, benefited from the organization's benevolent assistance.

As a society interested in perpetuating personal growth in many appropriate programs, Chi eagerly and willingly volunteered to make hand-made Valentine cards that can be sent to our county seniors. In all, 187 cards were made at the meeting.



Members making Valentine cards for Samaritan Caregivers

## Treasury Notes

Just a reminder to pay your 2020-21 dues within the next 2 months. \$80 for active members or \$40 for reserve members.

If you have questions, please contact:

Marian Mills  
1029 Witherspoon Drive  
Kokomo, Indiana 46901

Below you will find Chi Chapter February Treasury Note:

<b>Balance, February 2020</b>	<b>\$3,446.38</b>
Deposits	
Meals	12.00
"No Pin" Money	5.05
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$ 17.05</b>
Expenditures	
Bank Fees	3.00
Dawn Johnston-Brochures	72.23
Carolyn Thompson--New Teachers	32.10
Karen Foust--Flowers	10.69
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 118.02</b>
<b>Balance, March 2020</b>	<b>\$3,345.41</b>

## Legislative WATCH

*The latest news on the education forefront to be aware of follows:*

**HB 1002** is the permanent decoupling of test scores in teacher evaluations. This bill is being heard in the Senate Education Committee this coming week. Please support teachers by contacting the committee members to let them know you are in favor of the bill. The following link will take you to ISTA's website where you can click on the active bills to send letters of support for Public Education. You may do at the ISTA Advocacy Link: <http://advocacy.ista-in.org>

**ISTA Day of Action at the Statehouse** on March 3rd, 2020. This is an opportunity to communicate with legislators on *Red for Ed* topics like teacher pay, test scores, evaluations, and other topics.

**Two Virtual Schools defrauded Indiana** of \$68 million dollars and a lot of the money went to executives. Gov. Holcomb asked for better accountability, but Indiana lawmakers have killed the bill 3 times. Lawmakers who are given campaign contributions don't seem interested in making any changes. Please contact your legislators and voice your contempt for this kind of behavior at <http://advocacy.ista-in.org>.

# Book Hook



*Heart Berries*  
by Terese Mailhot

After participating in the PBS Book Club for over a year, I dropped out. (There was too much science fiction--I'm not a fan of that genre.) This book enticed me to return--at least for the month it was the selection. It's the first book for this author, an Indigenous Person from Canada. It is described as a memoir. It's difficult to describe the book in a way that doesn't make it sound so bleak that you wouldn't want to read it.

I'll start with the fact that it is only one hundred forty pages, and it's well written, making it a quick read. One of the discussion questions asked if her story is uplifting. I finished it yesterday and keep thinking about it. She certainly had a difficult life, and that's putting it mildly. She suffered neglect and abuse from her parents, poverty, being a social outcast as an Indigenous Person. Her first child was removed by a judge. In spite of this, I'd have to say it left me with positive feelings. You've probably noticed that the author's writing style ranks high as one of my requirements for a "good book." She presents her story in a matter-of-fact way and doesn't make a play for the reader's sympathy. Instead her strength is what is so memorable for me.

Terese Mailhot now teaches writing and is involved with education for Indians. ("Indian" is the term she uses.) She is currently teaching at Purdue University.

*Susan Stouse, Contributor*

## SERVICE PROJECTS



*Chi Chapter appreciates the opportunity to serve in many capacities here and abroad. Below are listed our service opportunities and what each of us can do to help.*



### **Bottle Caps, Anyone?**

Not sure what do to with all those caps from bottles? No problem! Collect them a Ziplock and bring to our next DKG meeting in March. First Friends and Carter's Small Town Day Care can use them. If you do not designate which to give to, we will give to First Friends. For more information, contact Carolyn Thomp-



**The Pregnancy Resource Center** can put monetary donations to good use.

We'll have a baby bottle on the table at the March meeting for contributions.



*Shhh...sensitive topic.* We as a women's society are glad to provide feminine hygiene products to Kokomo High School. We know ladies appreciate having the necessary items they may need or cannot afford. Continue bringing those items of all kinds to our next meeting.



### **Heart of Service**

Do you have books you would like to find a good home for? Think no further but instead bring GENTLY USED books to our March meeting. Books can be for ANY age group and will be used for the ManUP, StepUP for Girls, and MiniUP programs of Kokomo Urban Outreach.

### memberships CONNECTIONS

Please bring in names of potential and deserving educators that we can put up for membership. We would like to vote on them at our May meeting.

**Delta Kappa Gamma Meeting  
Wednesday, February 5, 2020  
First Friends Meeting**

**28 Members in Attendance**

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**Call to Order**

- President Jet Sundheimer called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm.
- She introduced Rebekah Gillum, the Volunteer Coordinator for Samaritan Caregivers. Jet invited members to make valentines Samaritan Caregivers could distribute to clients during the speech.

**Speaker**

- Rebekah Gillum explained that the mission of Samaritan Caregivers is to give senior citizens support to help them remain at home, rather than in an assisted living or nursing home facility. The only requirements for clients to receive services are age 65 and living in Howard County.
- Samaritan Caregivers provides transportation, personal shopping, visits, cards, and now state-trained Medicare counseling.
- The organization has a very small paid staff; nearly all of the work is done by volunteers. They do receive funding from the United Way, Center Township, donations, and their Chocolate Celebration fundraiser.
- Students can get involved in the Adopt-a-Grandparent program, sending seniors cards once a month, or they can put together gift baskets the staff members can deliver to clients.

**Welcome**

- Jet recognized Social Chairperson Liz Shell, who thanked her committee: Joyce Ancil, Kristi Orem, Kim Patterson, Diana Schaaf, Joi Stites, and Carolyn Thompson.

**Secretary's Report**

- Minutes of the November 20, 2019 meeting were approved with a correction.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Marian Mills reported a balance on hand of \$3,446.38 and savings account balance of \$2,016.37.
- She said that because no bills were paid this month, the totals remain the same.
- She reminded members that 2020-21 dues of \$80 for active members and \$40 for reserve members can be paid at the March or May meetings.

**Membership**

- Elaine Buchanan asked members to bring her names and addresses of prospective members.
- Jet said that she planned to hold a vote on new members at the May meeting.

**Cheers and Concerns**

- Karen Foust reported that Marion Eller had a stroke in her eye, and she is nearly blind.
- Joyce Ancil said that the lymphedema in her legs has abated, and they are back to normal size.

**Yearbook / Newsletter**

- Dawn Johnston has binders for new members' yearbooks. If you need one, please see her.

**Correspondence**

- Karen Foust read a note from Dawn Johnston, thanking members for support during her mother's illness.

### **Nominations**

- Lois Dickison said that the nominating committee has completed a slate of officers for the 2020-2022 biennial, with the exception of the position of Vice President.
- If you would like to volunteer to serve, or have ideas for a nominee, please contact Lois.

### **Service Projects**

- Carolyn Thompson reminded members to bring plastic lids for benches, coins for the Pregnancy Resource Center, feminine products for Kokomo High School students, and books for the Man-UP, StepUP for Girls, and MiniUP programs of Kokomo Urban Outreach.
- Western needs no more food for Buddy Bags this year. However, with Kokomo Urban Outreach losing its funding, many Kokomo Schools students have lost funding for their Buddy Bags. Members were asked to get information about which schools need items, and at the March meeting, our chapter will decide where to put the money collected so far.
- As a Beginning Teacher Project, our chapter donated sticky note tablets, pens, and a supportive message to the 53 new female teachers after the end of first semester.
- Jet asked members who were interested to sign up to attend the state conference April 25.
- Jet asked members to stay about a half hour after the March 10 meeting to fill the goodie bags for the state conference.

### **New Business / Announcements**

- Ann Funk is looking for a theme for the March meeting. If you have ideas, please contact her.
- Members thanked Karen Foust and Jet Sundheimer for putting together all of the supplies to make valentines at the meeting.
- Karen Foust won the door prize.

### **Adjournment**

- The next meeting will be March 10, 2020, at 4:45 pm, at First Friends Meeting.
- The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Ellison, Recording Secretary

# news Chapter

Please keep us informed of events in your life or the lives of others. We want to continue to be a community and society of caring, professional women. Note that we want to both celebrate the milestones and comfort during the difficult times.

Good thoughts to Marian Eller as she deals with health concerns. Also, sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Dorothy Johnson who passed away February 13, 2020. Dorothy most recently became a reserve member, but had been a long time active member before moving to assisted living a few years ago. Her visitation and funeral were at Grace United Methodist on Wednesday, February 19th.

Please submit your cares and concerns to:

**KAREN FOUST**  
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438-2382

## member **U** **P** dates

There are no updates to report this month. Please note that if there are any changes to your address, phone (both home or mobile), or membership status, you need to let the following people know as soon as possible:

Jet Sundheimer	765.864.0198
Susan Stouse	765.860.2233
Dawn Johnston	765.883.5324



### Upcoming Events

#### 2020 Events

<b>Apr. 25 (Sat.)</b>	<b>State Conference</b> (L.A. Pittinger Student Center, Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana; early bird registration March 14)
<b>June 1 (Sat.)</b>	<b>CCOT Workshop</b>
<b>July 7-11 (Tues.-Sat.)</b>	<b>International DKG</b>

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