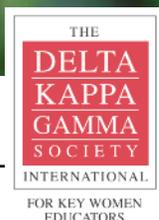


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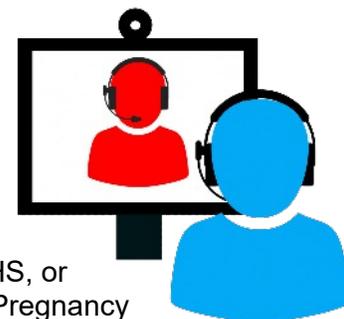
## President's Pen

Hope you are enjoying this warmer weather we have had this week. Oswald Chambers wrote that "perseverance is more than endurance. It is endurance combined with absolute assurance and certainty that what we are looking for is going to happen." Spring and better weather will happen!

I thought things were improving, but we again this month will not be able to meet in person at First Friends Meeting. They closed their building because an outside group brought COVID-19 into their building. So, for our March 9 meeting, we will again be an all Zoom meeting. You will receive an e-mail invite from Katie Sundheimer, our wonderful techie, before that day. I know some of you will not be able to "attend" since you do not Zoom. I am truly sorry, but meeting in person this month is not a go. Hopefully we will be able to hybrid by May. Time will tell. As a somewhat humorous side story since we're talking about COVID, my sister Marian Mills and I got our first vaccination and it happened to be on Martin Luther King day. Our second shot was on President's day. I also helped a friend get an appointment for her shot. Guess when? Ground Hog day! I am calling these our "holiday shots!" You have to look for the joy in things.

Once again we will distribute yearbooks (I have 20 some yet to give out). You will need to sign for your yearbook so bring your own pen if you

want. You can also drop off any lids you have collected for benches, feminine hygiene products for KHS, or money for the Pregnancy Resource Center or the Western Buddy Bag program. I will be parked in the parking lot of Ollies location on 931 in front of the Dollar Time store close to the highway on Thursday, March 11 from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM. Look for my gold Torrent SUV.



Mark your calendars for the one day 2021 State Convention on June 12 in Indianapolis. You will see the registration form in the *Hoosier Newsletter* that will be e-mailed to you. Your registration form must be postmarked by May 25. This is a great opportunity to get out and greet and visit with other DKG members.

We utilized the after Christmas sale of red 18-gallon totes for our organization of materials. This will allow efficient passing of materials from one officer to the next. We will begin distribution of the totes soon.

Hope to see you via technology on March 9. We had some feedback from our first all Zoom meeting so this one will hopefully be even better.

Your president,  
Carolyn Thompson

### NEXT CHI CHAPTER MEETING

Tuesday,  
March 9  
Zoom Virtual Mtg.  
4:45 PM

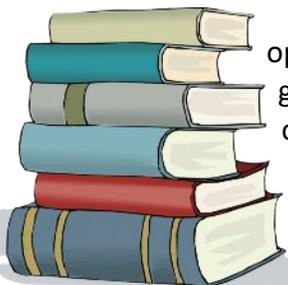
# DKG in Review

Our first Zoom **only** meeting met with approximately 20+ members online. First Friends Meeting where Chi usually meets had their first cases of COVID-19 when a group came in and infected the building thus why Chi meeting couldn't meet there in February.

Carolyn Thompson introduced Jennifer Marden, a Western elementary teacher, who started Chapter 2 Bookstore in 2019 in downtown Kokomo. This quaint used-book bookstore serves all surrounding counties as far north as Miami and Hamilton to the south.

Jennifer described the amenities of her store that included a comfy reading cafe, free WiFi, many genres of books that can be traded (with credit), online ordering as well and tutoring by appointment.

Due to COVID-19, however, Jennifer had to close her store temporarily but instead created "grab bags" she donated to Kokomo Urban Outreach.



Her future plans when she re-opens is to provide opportunities for group meetings such as book clubs or other types of meetings.

Chapter 2 Bookstore accepts donations to assist in keeping it running.

## Legislative Watch

Many new bills have been heard in February that aim to expand private school vouchers and create new voucher programs that allow voucher debit cards. Our ISTA testified strongly against this bill and others in committee. We must stand strong continue to fight not only for what we DON'T want but for what we DO want. This includes fighting for our colleagues who are working in some of the the most horrific conditions during this virus and even before. Think of your own conditions as you taught and fought for the best for your students only to have your aspirations for those students shot down. Therefore, consider SB56 which could restore teacher's bargaining rights and could help in changing the lives of both students and teachers. Won't you take a look at the link below and take a few minutes and write your representatives?

<https://www.ista-in.org/>

**2** Scroll down to "LATEST NEWS" and read what's going on in your state and your profession.

## Treasury Notes

### MARCH

Balance February 2020	\$3,752.38
Deposits	
Schools of Africa	\$ 180.00
	\$ 180.00
Expenses	
Liz Shell—flowers & cheer supplies	\$ 28.11
Liz Shell—Nov. Goodie Bags	22.26
Guardian Angle Hospice ( <i>Gloria Nipple</i> )	10.00
UNICEF USA—Schools for Africa	180.00
Carolyn Thompson—totes & supplies	118.44
Very Early Childhood Education Ctr. ( <i>Estella Lucas</i> )	10.00
First Evangelical Presbyterian Church ( <i>Noah Shouse</i> )	10.00
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$ 378.81

Balance March 2021 \$3,553.57

The money collected in the baby bottle through the fall meetings was \$102. It was delivered to the Pregnancy Resource Center. We have received a thank you from UNICEF for the \$180 contribution.

It's hard to believe but it is time for our new dues schedule which is now in the Spring. You can send your dues in the mail (see below) for the following amounts:

**Active members: \$80.00**  
**Reserve members: \$40.00**

Please feel free to add anything extra for the Recruitment Grant if you would like.

Marian Mills, *Treasurer*  
1029 Witherspoon Drive  
Kokomo, IN 46901

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Mills

# Book Hook

Susan



## ***Race and Football in America: The Life and Legacy of George Taliaferro***

by Dawn Knight

ISTA announced it would host a Racial Justice Book Club in 2021. The author of the first selection is an English teacher at Westfield High School. When she was a student at IU, her roommate talked her into taking an early morning class taught by George Taliaferro. That was the beginning of a lifelong friendship.

George was a freshman at IU in 1945. That football season was the only undefeated one in IU history. He was not allowed to live on campus. He was not allowed to eat in a restaurant. The football team wasn't allowed to stay in most hotels when they were traveling for away games. Coach McMillin had recruited other Black players along with Taliaferro and helped them transition to college life.

While there are plenty of mazing statistics for the football fan (George Taliaferro was the first African-American to be drafted by the NFL), I was intrigued by the grace, humility, humor, and wisdom Taliaferro displayed in the face of such ugliness. My favorite story is how his coach helped him integrate Bloomington restaurants. College was interrupted by a stint in the military. He returned to play football and graduate. After playing pro football he worked for IU the rest of his life. His first office was across the hallway from the president. The author kept in touch with Taliaferro and his family for the rest of his life. The book discussion will be March 8, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. It will be virtual and requires registration.

# International PROJECTS

**AWESOME.**

That's what Chi Chapter is...awesome in giving to both international and local projects. Speaking of the latter, 130 individual packets of oatmeal and 125 individual packets of granola bars were packed at Chapel Hill for the 125+ food insecure children in Howard County and this number is growing whose parents find themselves in dire straights due to COVID-19, work related issues, and the like.

Good news is that with our generosity, we can help and this is how. There is need now for individual boxes of Mac n' Cheese, Ramen Noodles, and fruit cups of any variety. If you need more specifics, contact Joyce Hardebeck at [jmhardebeck@comcast.net](mailto:jmhardebeck@comcast.net).

Don't forget that we're also collecting feminine hygiene products for Kokomo schools as well as loose change for the Pregnancy Center. Last but not least, don't forget to collect those miscellaneous lid tops. We have a source for those too!

### **Community Needs:**

- Mac n' Cheese boxes
- Ramen Noodles packages
- ♦ Fruit cups (any variety)
- ♦ Feminine hygiene items
- ♦ Plastic lids, tops, etc, any size
- ♦ Monetary donation (coins, etc.)

Since we will not be physically meeting on March 9, you can drop off donations (of any kind) and pick up your yearbook (if you haven't yet) on [Thursday, March 11](#) in the parking lot in front of [Dollar Time](#) in the Ollie's plaza on [931 highway](#) between [3-5 PM](#). Look for [Carolyn's gold Torrent SUV](#).

**Delta Kappa Gamma Meeting  
Wednesday, February 10, 2021  
Zoom Meeting**

**23 Members in Attendance via Zoom**

**Call to Order**

- President Carolyn Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:48 pm.
- This meeting was moved completely to Zoom after First Friends Church closed due to COVID.
- She introduced Jennifer Marden, a Western Elementary School teacher who opened the Chapter 2 Books store in November 2019.

**Speaker**

- Jennifer Marden described her bookstore. She accepts donations of used books and gives trade credit for discounts. She also sells books on EBay and at a website for independent bookstores.
- She took members on a virtual tour of her store to show self-help, history (including Indiana and Kokomo history), sports, science, engineering, fantasy, sci fi, romance, women's fiction, mystery, Christian, poetry, plays, and children's books, as well as bookmarks and mugs.
- She explained that due to the COVID pandemic, she had to shut down in March 2020. People couldn't shop or use libraries, so she donated "grab bags" of books to Kokomo Urban Outreach.
- Before the pandemic, she hosted baby showers and small group meetings. After the pandemic passes, she hopes to host such events again, including book clubs if there is public interest.

**Welcome and Opening Thought**

- Carolyn read her opening thought: "A fact of life, especially now, is that there is change. I looked up the definition of change. Change is to put or take in place of something else; substitute. We have changed our meeting format today to a Zoom session. With my 1966 dictionary still out, I looked up 'zoom.' The first definition there is 'to make a loud, low-pitched buzzing or humming sound.' Hopefully you will not experience anything like that today as we meet."
- She played the CD of the Delta Kappa Gamma song.
- She recognized February Social Committee Chair Dawn Johnston and members who would have served if we had met in person: Jenny Bray, Kristi Orem, Kim Patterson, Cara-Jean Rayl, Margie Sexton, and Marcia Smith.

**Secretary's Report**

- Carolyn read the minutes of the November 18, 2020 meeting, and they were approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Marian Mills reported \$180.00 in deposits and \$378.81 in disbursements for a balance of \$3,553.57.
- She sent \$102 in donations to the Pregnancy Resource Center and received a thank you letter from UNICEF for our \$180 donation to Schools for Africa.
- She reminded members that 2021-22 dues of \$80 for active members and \$40 for reserve members (plus recruitment grant donations) can be paid at the March or May meetings.

**Recruitment Grant**

- Victoria Schneck reported that she had sent recruitment grant applications to IU-K.
- Applications are due by March 12.

**Cheers and Concerns**

- Liz Shell sent "Get Well" cards to Katlynn Craig, Lisa Ellison, Carol Gatman, Dawn Johnston, and Margie Sexton.

- She sent sympathy cards to Joan Shouse and Donna Walden on the loss of their husbands and to Fran Walker for the death of her stepmother.

### Legislation

- Katie Sundheimer asked members to read House Bill 1397, a Career and Technical Education bill.
- She said she would send members information by email and urged members to write to their legislators to oppose the bill.

### Yearbook/Newsletter

- Carolyn Thompson reported that because Dawn Johnston is so exhausted from COVID, she was unable to produce a February newsletter.
- Delta Kappa Gamma requires four newsletters per year. Because Dawn has already produced three newsletters, we will be able to meet the requirement within our next two meetings.

### New Business / Announcements

- Carolyn was in the Hobby Lobby parking lot to distribute yearbooks and accept donations.
- The April two-day Delta Kappa Gamma state convention was cancelled.
- For the June 12 convention in Indianapolis, state is asking each chapter to provide silent auction basket with items that represent our area. Jet Sundheimer volunteered to serve on a committee to find contributions. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jet or Carolyn.

### Adjournment

- Carolyn played a CD of the Chi Chapter song.
- She shared her closing thought from *Inspirational Thoughts...Our Own* by the Indiana DKG Society: "Believe in hope! Neither individuals nor society can survive without it. Hope is the mechanism that keeps the human race tenaciously alive and dreaming, planning, building. Hope is not the opposite of realism. It is the opposite of cynicism and despair. So summon hope. It is as right as spring sunlight. If joy is coming, hope will have proved itself right; if disaster, hope will have strengthened us to meet it." ~ Helen M. Wilson (Alpha Eta)
- The next meeting will be March 10, 2021, at 4:45 pm, at First Friends Meeting with a hybrid meeting if possible.
- The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 pm.

With thanks to Toni Kolanko for help with the minutes, these are respectfully submitted,

Lisa Ellison, Recording Secretary

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I think I can speak for all of us that experienced COVID-19 over the last few months that we are very blessed to be a part of one of the most caring organizations. Again, I speak for all of us who were sick, we appreciated the cards, concerns and continued calls. We thank you immensely for your caring hearts because you placed a smile on our faces when it was probably a difficult time to do so. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

*Submitted by Dawn Johnston*



# Book Hook

Susan Stouse 

*Bryant & May: Oranges and Lemons,*  
by Christopher Fowler

It's appropriate that Bryant and May are the key crime-solving detectives of the Peculiar Crimes Unit of the London police...because they are peculiar, unorthodox and the only ones who can solve the unusual crimes that are handed to the PCU. The oranges and lemons in the title come from a childhood song about cathedrals throughout the city. Their frustrated boss urges the elderly detectives to retire because he doesn't understand or appreciate their strange methods.

This is the nineteenth book in the Bryant and May series. I've read several of them because the mysteries are unusual, and the stories include a great deal of humor. Police aren't eager to work in the Peculiar Crimes Unit. The ones who do are also quirky. Arthur Bryant is a slob, but his interests are wide-ranging and

would serve him well if he were to participate in a trivia contest on obscure topics. John May is recovering from a gunshot wound in this book. He seems more normal and understands his partner.

By the end of Chapter 1, Raymond Land, Unit Chief, is pleased to tell the eight members of the PCU that they will be reassigned because the unit is being dismantled. The crime rate in London is low. Despite the numerous obstacles of finding a place from which to work, the reader is confident that the unit will solve this crime and exist to continue its work in more fun books to come.

## U member P dates

Please mark your new 2020-2022 Pictorial Directory with the following member updates:

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# Chapter Cheers & Concerns

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.

Please keep all those who are under the weather in your thoughts and those recovering from COVID-19 including Carolyn Kammayer's husband, Dawn Johnston, Katylyn Craig & Margie Sexton. Healing thoughts to Lisa Ellison who is recuperating from hip surgery and also get well wishes to Carol Gatman.



Thoughts of comfort and condolence go out to the family of Estella Lucas and Gloria Nipple in their passing. We also send our condolences to Donna Walden and Joan Shouse in the passing of their husbands.

Please submit your cares and concerns to:

LIZ SHELL  
860-1874  
lizshell03@gmail.com

**SAVE THE DATE**

Janet O'Neal Lead ~~Janet O'Neal Lead~~ **CANCELED** ~~Janet O'Neal Lead~~  
November 14, 2021

**State Convention**  
June 12, 2021  
Indianapolis, IN

**International Conferences**  
July 2021  
Portland, OR  
San Antonio, TX

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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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