

# Alpha Omega's Delta Data

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## President Shares Good, Sad News

Hello DKG Sisters!

We have many things to celebrate and to remember this newsletter! First off, congrats to Suzanne Huebner on her recent marriage and congrats to Liz Langston on her recent engagement! I am so happy for you both!

It was so nice volunteering with many of you a couple of weekends ago at Phil's Friends. Thank you to everyone who came and brought items to donate. We had a great time learning about Phil's Friends, tying blankets, coloring cards, decorating boxes, and putting together care packages for people battling cancer. We also put together a special care package for Beth Huebner. Beth was to have been initiated into our chapter back in November, but she had something else scheduled for the day and wasn't able to attend. As you are aware, Beth passed away earlier this week. Please continue to keep her daughter, Suzanne, and the rest of her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Next **Saturday, March 7th, is the Council One Brunch.** Like in past years, the brunch will be held at the Innsbrook Country Club and will begin at 9:00 am. This year's speaker will be the founder of Rise Northwest Indiana, and she will be giving a presentation about "Strengthening Your Civic Engagement."

Coming up on **Saturday, April 25th, is the Indiana State Conference** at Ball State University in Muncie. There is a registration form available on the Indiana DKG website, and the deadline for sending in your registration and money is April 6th. Bonnie Meyer, Director of Missions for the Crown Point Methodist Church will be a speaker. The Buddy Bag Program was our community project last year.

Finally, we are planning for our May meeting. It will take place on **Tuesday, May 12th at 5:00 p.m. at the Innsbrook Country Club.** We should plan to park on the west side and enter through that door. We need to get a slate of officers ready - please let myself or Barb know if you are interested in being our next President or serving as another officer of our chapter. We will plan to induct new officers at our May meeting.

Jennifer Pugh, President of Alpha Omega Chapter



*Holly, Liz, and Carol decorate boxes as Phil's Friends member, Jan Rattazzi watches.*



*Becca, Carol and Laura work on tying the knots to make another blanket for one of the care boxes.*



*Jennifer, Barb and Holly read over some of the cards that Holly's class made to be included in boxes from Phil's Friends.*

## February Meeting Notes

At the February meeting, Laura reminded us that **dues of \$76 are due by June** and can pay anytime before then. This was changed last year because of when the treasurer's reports to state are due.

She reported that the Checking Account has \$382.58 in it, and Grant-in-Aid has \$1,106.00. The money for the Grant-in-Aid recipient was not sent to her school for lack of information from her. \$40.00 was donated to this fund by Carol Borowski in memory of two people from Taft Middle School who past away.

She did investigate CD's and money markets, but we do not have enough money yet for these considering we will deduct funds for last year's grand-in-aid recipient once she gives Laura certain information.

Barb reminded us that there is a separate fund for members to apply for chapter scholarships. This can also be awarded for special projects in the classroom.

Then Laura announced Carol Bangsberg donated \$100 to the Grant-in-Aid fund in memory of other educators and Carol Borowski added \$20 in memory of Marilyn Edwards, a science teacher, who just passed away.

Carol Borowski and Barb will sell the DKG bracelets we have in stock at the Council One Brunch on Saturday, March 7 at Innsbrook Country Club. This goes to Grant-in-Aid.

Laura announced that she will be participating in a Concert on Sat., Feb. 22 in the Valparaiso University Chapel at 5 p.m. Laura plays the French horn. This is a special program for children with sensory or special needs issues. All songs will be kid friendly. (Note: as we agreed in September, all our volunteering is our chapter's community service project. So Laura's participation in this and our chapter's participation in Phil's Friends continue our list of Community Service Projects.)

It was reported that Toni Sulewski has sent out 8 packages of information to various school corporations where Alpha Omega members work. She and Carol Bangsberg will work through the applications for Grant-in-Aid and recommend an applicate at the May meeting.

The Head of the Buddy Bag Program from the Methodist Church that we have donated to will be speaking at the State Conference in Muncie, IN on April 25.

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## Holly Organizes Entire School Service Project

Holly Gatley developed a service project for her entire school based on our meeting on Sat., Feb. 15 at Phil's Friends.

After teaching her students what the nonprofit, Phil's Friends, she went a letter to parents and the school: ". . .The 3rd Grade classes would like to spread love and kindness to others by contributing to this organization. We will be collecting personal items and making blankets to be put in care packages. The attached flyer will describe items that will be collected.

As an incentive we would like to challenge every grade level to donate to this worthy cause. All students and families need to do is donate to their classrooms and the 3rd grade students will be responsible for collection, making blankets, and dropping off the items to the organization. The class that brings in the most items will win a DOUGHNUT PARTY. There will be a primary (grades K-2) and an elementary (3-5) class winner.

We are so grateful that a parent has already generously donated enough fabric to make 12 blankets for the project, and we could always use more. So, let's get those donations rolling in. We will be collecting donations from now until February 14th. On the morning of Valentine's Day, the 3rd grade students will be making the blankets, sorting personal items, and making cards for the care packages.

The 3rd grade team and students thank you in advance for this worthy endeavor and the chance to do good in our community and beyond." Con't p. 4



*Holly stands beside the bags of donated items she brought from Eads Elementary School.*





*At our Feb. 15 meeting, Liz announced her engagement to Danno Lambert!*

## Liz Has Been Busy and Surprised!

Liz Langston has been busy on a trip to Roatan with a team from the First United Methodist Church of Crown Point from Feb. 1-8, while the team was there an additional week.

“We worked with an orphanage fixing the plumbing and kitchen counters and cabinets. The boys in the orphanage loved playing soccer with our team. The second week was working at the church completing construction projects, teaching Sunday schools and fixing the bikes of the kids on the island.” she stated.

Additionally, the team held eye clinics and provided 350 glasses and sunglasses. “We were completing an eye clinic, three women from one of the villages then sang acappella all the traditional hymns from memory! That experience was so special,” she added.

Because this was my third time on the mission trip, I saw the kids on the island grow from year to year and that continues to be my favorite part.

## Events to Celebrate 19th Amendment

Two different organizations in Valparaiso, IN will be celebrating the 100 anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote.

On July 27 at 6 pm at the Valpo Library will be a discussion of Elaine Weiss’s book *The Woman’s Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote*. She will join the discussion via Skype. This is presented by the Valparaiso AAUW branch.

On August 30 Women’s Suffrage Centennial Celebration will be held at Butterfield Pavilion at the Old Fairground Park. “Digging in Their Hells” is a presentation by Sally Perkins. This is an energized, eye-opening story of women’s battle for the right to vote. This AAUW sponsored event requires a \$20 ticket that also covers a buffet, non-alcoholic drinks and the presentation.

In addition, if interested, attendees are asked to dress in the 1920 style of dress for this occasion.

### Holly’s Kindness Project Con’t

The 3rd grade students made signs to put up around the school and advertised the project during morning announcements throughout kindness week. A total of 15 parent volunteers helped to collect supplies, make around 30 tie blankets with the students, and supervise students making cards of hope to place in the care packages.

“We heard many stories from parents and students who were once recipients or knew someone who had received a care package from Phil’s Friends,” adds Holly.

Holly entered the school and this kindness, caring for the community project into a contest through Kids Caring for the Community.

So we wish her and her students Good Luck!



Check your DKG state website, [www.dkgindiana.org](http://www.dkgindiana.org), for an application if you would like to be State Executive Secretary; have a poster to share for 2020 State Conference, want to download brochure for Indiana DKG member scholarships, or register for 2020 conference.

And do not forget to read or download the March 2020 Hoosier Newsette .

On the same website is the International News. This Jan-Feb issue is online only.

If you want to know what other chapters are doing or want to get ideas from them to bring to our chapter, read various chapter newsletters on the site. On the right upper corner, drag down from Newsletters. Select a chapter, then read what is happening with a chapter in any part of the state.

It is interesting to learn about DKG throughout the state without leaving home!