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Dates to Remember:

Wednesday TBA: Summer fun meeting, perhaps at Ghyslain Chocolates (We thought with e-learning days we could have an early June meeting again. If it doesn't work, we can change it.) Hostesses: *Lori Clevenger, Kerry Hinkle, Carla Cook, Tammy Brouse, Treva Gough.

July 7-11, International Convention in Philadelphia

President Ingrid's Message

Dear DKG members:

This is a really trying time for us all. I imagine you are all missing your families as much as I am. I'm alternating between being sad at the forced isolation, and being grateful that so far we're all well. I'm praying that you and your families stay safe and healthy. I'm also hoping that eventually we can be together to celebrate Delta Kappa Gamma. Again, our members continue to come through in whatever way they are needed. Thank you so very much! I truly appreciate each one of you. Maybe as you get tis newsletter, you can fill Polly in on how you're doing. What are you doing to keep in touch with others? How are you staying in shape? What are you reading? Are you keeping a journal? What would you tell your greatgrandchildren about this time? How are you keeping your spirits up? How will you change

what you do and what you think? That may be our next newsletter. Let's document some DKG history. Stay home, stay safe, stay DKG! Ingrid.

Our Meeting



On February 8, 2020, twenty-two DKG members and one guest met for our meeting at St. Joseph's

Catholic Church parish hall. We were served egg casserole, biscuits and gravy, apple Snicker salad, fruit, homemade sweet rolls, juice, and coffee. Before brunch we sang the Collect immediately followed by the Inspiration titled "Heart Prints" from Linda Puccini.



Guest Speaker

Ingrid Saxman introduced our guest speaker Annette Alexander,

Investment Consultant



Representative and Vice-President of Raymond James in Portland. Annette specializes in investment programs for educators. Providing us with an information packet, Annette explained she would be discussing the direct effects of economy on politics.

Annette reported that US economic growth is at 1.7%, the longest expansion in history. We are on an upward mode with not a single month in past year in a recession mode as we approach election time. Predictors indicate a possible recession starting in May 2021 almost a year after election trend. This year there was no change in the interest rate. It is critical for the Republicans to keep economy rolling. Statistics show that with a good economy, the incumbent is predicted to win. Seventy-three percent are content with our economy. If unemployment is low, the incumbent

historically will win election. If the market is up three months before the election, the incumbent will win. Pennsylvania and Wisconsin are critical to the election based on electoral votes rather than the popular vote.

Other interesting information concerned the fact that 83% of the world lives in emerging markets where there are no cell phones, modern technology, etc. There are opportunities for growth there in this decade. Also the dollar growing a little weaker leads to inflation.

Meeting continued

Ingrid announced that Peggy Moore won our door prize and Linda Puccini won the scholarship basket. Also she reminded all that teacher supplies were available for pick up.



Ann Marie Kesler read us The Wonky Donkey. Following Kathy Nelson played the theme song from the book that we all joined in singing.



Secretary Report

Joy Rolle previously emailed copies of her report to members. It was unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Peggy Moore report that we have a balance of \$1551.49 in our account. Today we added \$70 to our existing scholarship account of \$225.

So far 15 ladies have paid their dues (\$70) and Peggy has collected \$280 toward our scholarships. Keep up the good work.

Committees

Library Grant—Pat Knasinski and Fran Feistritz took applications for the library grant and selected Winchester Community Library's new children's librarian, Melissa Brutchen, as the winner. Her summer reading program is "Imagine Your Story". She will be using her money to help pay for payment to Dave Wiliker a magician. The committee recommended \$175 to WCL. Kathy Nelson moved to approve and Joy Rolle seconded that WCL receive our award and we will be inviting Melissa Brutchen to our April Meeting.

Books Alive—This committee donated 191 books to Jay County and St. Vincent's hospitals in 2019. So far in 2020, 33 books have been given. As a group we are reminded to donate one dozen books for this project.

Nomination Committee—Ann Marie read the names of members of that committee. Linda Puccini requested to be excused from becoming the next president due to other commitments. Thus we will need to find another volunteer.

Scholarship Committee—Ann Barnell reports that Mallory Bost of Portland and daughter of Jerri Bost is our Mary Lou Fulk Scholarship winner. She attends IU East majoring in

Special Education. While in high school Mallory worked in special education, and wishes to help students continue to learn and grow. Her dream is to one day start her own Special Education school. It is worthy to note that Mallory completed one year of college while still in high school and in college she maintains a 3.7 GPA. Congratulations!

DKG Conference on April 25

Each member received an application form to be filled out and submitted by March 1. Kathy Nelson and Linda Puccini acted out a skit called "Voices in My Head" with members providing responses touching on the pros and cons of going to the conference. This was enjoyed by all. We need volunteers for this fun day. Look to the state newsletter for more information.

Next Meeting

Obviously, our meeting was canceled in April, but Peggy is happy to receive any donations to the scholarship that we would have normally collected in April. As noted above under Scholarship, we have a recipient and in the Treasurer's report we know what money we have so far. So consider sending in those donations. Our June meeting is TBA. Look for further information from Ingrid.

Nametags

Some nametag magnets are coming loose. You may glue these back on or give to Ann Marie to fix.

Years of Service

After being absent for months due to serious illness, DKG was thrilled to welcome Ann Meiring back to DKG. She finally was able to receive her award for 40 years of

service to DKG. Congratulations.



The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.



About Our Members

As you can see, I failed to collect any news about your activities in February which I regret because I enjoy hearing what you are doing. Maybe for the next newsletter and meeting you can be thinking about what you did or small kindnesses you viewed during the Conavirus epidemic. How did you pass the time during this crisis while self-distancing? I am sure there is a lot of cleaning going on, home schooling taking place, and engaging in creative ways to entertain your families. This should be some interesting reading.

Books You Might Enjoy

The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes—In 1937 Alice arrives from England in the hills of Kentucky after her marriage to handsome Bennet Van Cleve. She is looking forward to an exciting new life in America, but the reality is quite the opposite. One day Alice volunteers to serve in the Packhorse Library an initiative by Eleanor Roosevelt and WPA to

deliver books to people in hopes of raising education. She is joined by Margery O'Hare a most independent woman who will not allow any man to run her life or tell her no. They are joined by three other women and soon are traveling in the mountains to often dangerous places, but certainly to people who work hard and otherwise have very little. This is Margery and Alice's story of their lives and loves, but also the stories of all the families they encounter. This book was such a blessing during our shutdown as a looked forward to reading every day what would happen next to these courageous characters.

The Confession Club by Elizabeth Berg—For years a group of women have been getting together once a week for supper club. Then one evening, one member makes a startling confession which changes things forever. They decide to have the weekly hostess to divulge one thing they have done that they are ashamed of in their personal life. Each week you see this sisterhood grow to help one another cope with each new confession.

The Guardian by John Grisham—John Grisham returns to the legal thriller which reminds one of his earliest novels. A small underfunded legal team specializes in exonerating people in prison who are innocent of the crime for which they have been accused. They are actively defending a man in Florida who was arrested, tried, and convicted 22 years ago by crooked individuals that tried to cover-up what really happened that night. All the legal maneuvering, interviewing of past witness, and events will keep you turning the pages.



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