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Saturday, November 2, 2019,

9 am: Redkey Nazarene Church, 801 W. High St., Redkey. \$9 (Notice this will NOT be the craft show day, but the week before. It seems craft show day is too crammed with other things, and maybe this will work better. Let me know if you don't agree. Believe me, I want your thoughts on this!) **Professional Growth** NOT auction. (Again, input on that would be welcome.)
Hostesses: *Connie Roberts, Kathy Nelson, Linda Lowe, Ruth Zicht, Linda Frantz, Katie Kerns, Alice Paxson, Anita Isch.

Friday/Saturday, November

15 Fine Arts Retreat at Our Lady of Fatima in Indianapolis. Submissions due October 10.

Saturday, February 8, 2020, 9

am: St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 514 W. Washington St., Winchester. **Economic Growth.** Hostesses: *Marcie Nicholson, Polly Roberts, Linda Puccini, Fran Feistritzer, Susan Symons, Bonnie Bell, Sara Peterson, Candy Wilson.

Saturday, April 4, 2020, 9 am:

Jericho Friends, 4010 E. CR 100 S, Winchester. **Scholarship** and auction for Easter. Hostesses: *Nancy Brumfield, Joy Rolle, Pat Knasinski, Peggy Moore, Laura Northcutt, Julie Nelson, Julie Northcutt, Taylor Aughe.

Saturday, April 25, 2020 DKG

State Convention at Ball State University in Muncie.

Wednesday, June 3, 2020:

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
DKG Alpha Omicron members,

I am really looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday, November 2nd. I think it's going to be a great meeting. We'll have great speakers, a good breakfast, and a fabulous door prize! Not to mention some wonderful things in the scholarship basket. It's something special. If you like antiques, you may want to plan a little extra time in Redkey to browse through the shops. I know I will! Maybe you'll find the perfect gift or something for yourself. Thanks for the gift of your time. Ingrid

Our meeting



On September 21, 19 members and one guest of Alpha Omicron met at Countryside Christian



Church in Winchester and enjoyed a brunch of breakfast tacos, French toast, banana bread, sausage egg casserole, fruit, coffee, and juice. A big thanks goes out to the ladies of that church for providing us with such a delicious breakfast.

To get us started, Ingrid passed around a lovely thank-you from Lydia Ralston winner of the Mary Lou Fulk scholarship. Ingrid also



drew our attention to the gift basket with items Bev Oliver purchased in Florida. It was later determined that the gift basket raised \$80 toward our scholarship fund and Peggy Moore would ultimately win the drawing. In



addition, Kathy Nelson directed current teachers to fill a plastic bag with classroom items from the display donated by chapter members pursuant to

giving those to new teachers in their buildings.



Immediately after brunch, members retired to the sanctuary for our formal meeting. Bev Oliver presented the Inspiration with the message that

we all go out and plant our seeds of peace, kindness, and joy today.



Ingrid pointed out her walking

advertisement in the form of her red t-shirt with "Only Jay in USA" across the front. Strangely enough there is only one Jay County in the USA and ours will host the Heritage Fest next Saturday at the end of Main Street in Portland.

Secretary's Report

Joy Rolle presented her minutes from the June 2019 meeting via email. Peggy Moore suggested some changes and the minutes were subsequently accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Peggy Moore informed us that we have 41 active members and one honorary member. All dues have been paid. Our present balance is \$1384.49.

Furthermore, Peggy wanted to go over our budget. As to the International scholarship we award, she suggested we look at this and select one or two according to monies we have available at the time. Ingrid suggested we could raise money by charging \$1 for member bragging rights. We could also dedicate a meeting with an international theme to raise money for this.

Peggy pointed out that we have no line item for Books Alive. Is this an oversight? Linda Frantz said only cost was purchase of plastic bags which her committee donates. Each plastic bag contains a sheet with information about DKG on one side and an essay by Erma Bombeck on the importance of reading to your children on the other.

Each member is asked to donate 12 books each year to Books Alive which are distributed to St. Vincent's and Jay County Hospital. We are looking for baby books, but books for older brothers and sisters are appropriate as well. Sometimes we donate some books to emergency rooms. As a side note St. Vincent's has double the birth rate of Jay Co. Hospital.

Finally, Ingrid showed us her packet received at DKG state convention. If anything is written on the outside of that packet, it means that the chapter is missing some important information, etc. Ingrid said there is nothing written on the outside of her packet, due in large part to our very efficient treasurer Peggy Moore.

The budget was approved by all.

Committees

Ingrid went over all chapter standing committees, members of each, and a brief description of duties. She went on the thank Julie Nelson for pulling together our program book this year. Also, she thanked Polly Roberts for our newsletter and getting the 5-Star award for this at state. As a conclusion, she related that she told the liaison that she may not be the best president, but she has such good people in our chapter they make her look great. Frankly we think we have a wonderful, dedicated president in Ingrid.

As an aside, Ann Barnell chairman of the Susie Green Fund alerted us to the fact that there is a store on Main St. where we can drop off donations for this charity.

State Scholarships

Kathy Nelson has a new brochure on state scholarships available to our members. The state website has this listing as well. This year's recipient won a scholarship for \$1000 and she was the sole applicant. Kathy asked us to please check out these scholarships that are certainly up for grabs.

State Convention in 2020

Hold the date April 25, 2020 for the state convention to be held at Ball State University. This convention themed "Have a Ball" will need all of us to hostess this meeting.

Linda Puccini informed us we are responsible for publicity. She is seeking someone to volunteer to write an article about convention with an attached registration form both to be published in the Hoosier Gazette. This is due November 1, but it would be great if she could take this to planning committee meeting on October 12. Subsequent to convention, we will need someone to write an article for the Muncie Press.

In November we will be looking for volunteers to serve as greeters, etc. for the convention itself. Polly has agreed to help with picture-taking. Also, Kathy Nelson is chairman of the Strategic Action Plan.

Legislative Committee

Ingrid reminded us we are all on the legislative committee. It is our job to write, call, or email our legislators. Let them know what we think about education in our schools. Speak up! More importantly, let them know we are watching them. On Wednesdays we are advocates for "We Are Red for Education."

Music

Soon a music video will be available of DKG songs.

Years of Service Awards

The following members received their years of service awards:



20 years—Rita Replogle and Margaret Bunsold.

25 years—Becky Byrd

40 years—Ann Meiring

Congratulations for your service to our chapter

Other Awards



Polly Roberts received the 5-Star award for our chapter newsletter. Kathy Nelson was awarded the Golden Key Award from the state organization.

Closing

As mentioned earlier, Peggy Moore won the gift basket. Pat Knasinski and Lori Clevenger won the door prizes of mums.

Our Program (Personal Growth)



Our guest Shelley Simms works at the YMCA as a dance instructor and facilitator for stretching classes. She presented her schedule in

case members might be interested in joining.



Then Shelley taught us two line dances which we performed to music. We began with the Cuban Shuffle and finished up

with the Wobble. Hopefully all the pictures will show how much fun we were having.



About Our Members

Becky Byrd—My book club recently visited the bike museum in New Bremen, Ohio. I think this would be a trip you might enjoy as well.

Linda Frantz—In 2018 I received the Cincinnati Lifetime Achievement for Volunteerism while Alice Paxson took the same award for 2019. My travel experiences have been to Marathon Key and Key West in Florida and South Haven in Michigan.

Books You Might Enjoy

The Nightingale by Kristen Hannah—This story covers the lives of two sisters in France after their country is overrun by the Germans. Vianne lives in a town with her small daughter after her husband Antoine goes off to war. In time she is forced to billet a German commander in her home impelling her to live with the enemy while her sympathies and efforts lie with France. Isabelle young and brash soon joins the

Resistance performing life-threatening missions. It is their experiences as they live out this war that compel the story.

My One Square Inch of Alaska by Sharon Gwyn Short—Donna dreams of escaping 1950's Ohio to pursue a career in design. Nonetheless she stays to take care of a helpless father and her brother Will with his mute husky companion. Then when Will takes ill, she loads them up and takes off for the Alaskan territory. This is a story of love, both human and canine, and adventure.

The President is Missing by James Patterson and Bill Clinton—A threat of cyberterrorism and espionage fall over the capitol. Even the President is suspect until he too disappears from sight. In this terrifying novel, the real vulnerabilities of our nation come to light.



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