



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.



Collaborative Comments - Co-Presidents News

Fall has certainly arrived in Indiana! Beautiful fall colors one day, then rain the next – let’s hope it sticks around long enough to keep winter at bay for a few more months.

Our October meeting featured an eye-opening discussion based on readings, videos, etc. about racial injustice. If you weren’t able to attend, Jamyce recorded the discussion and shared the link to it via Google Drive. It’s a large file, so be patient when downloading, but I think you’ll agree it is well worth the time to listen.

Beta Chapter also featured racial injustice at their October meeting. The program committee shared three resources for attendees to read in advance: an online article; a podcast; and a blog post from Trevor Noah. Sources shared by Beta chapter:

DiAngelo, R. (2020). Interview with Jonathon Capehart. Retrieved from <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2020/06/18/these-interviews-about-anti-racism-help-explain-americas-relationship-with-race/?arc404=true>

Peters, D. (2020) You don’t live like we do. Retrieved from <https://www.theplayertribune.com/en-us/articles/devereaux-peters-wnba-racial-injustice>

Trevor, N. (2020) George Floyd, Minneapolis Protests, Ahmaud Arbery & Amy Cooper) The Daily Social Distancing Show. Retrieved from https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4amCfvbA_c&feature=youtu.be

Both of these meetings remind us of two of our Purposes: #6 – To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members, and #7 – To inform members of current economic, social, political, and education issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society. While I’ve truly enjoyed all of my years being involved with DKG, this month has reminded me how, in this truly global society, we can all work together to continue to grow.

I’m especially looking forward to the Council 8 “Fall Luncheon” next month: of course, it won’t be a typical luncheon, but as usual, it will feature a speaker with a meaningful topic.

Another event I’m really looking forward to will happen in January, and will be another “first” in DKG Indiana history. The information/registration form is attached to this newsletter and can be found on the DKGIndiana website. On the website, look for “Celebrating Opportunities Through DKG”. PGP points will be awarded. Be sure to invite any active teachers who may wish to join us.

Finally, a word about Molly Wilkens, a member of Omega for 18 years but a member in her Illinois chapter for more than 30. She died October 19 and will be very much missed.

Looking forward to “seeing” everyone soon!

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PURPOSES

1. To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.
2. To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.
3. To advance the professional interest and position of women in education.
4. To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators.
5. To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators.
6. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.
7. To inform the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

Chapter Meeting Information



COUNCIL 8 LUNCHEON - Suffrage Centennial: Failure Is Impossible

The November 14 Council 8 luncheon will feature Cheryl Steuerwald of Epsilon Chapter presenting “Suffrage Centennial: Failure Is Impossible”. Cheryl has presented for her own Epsilon chapter in the past, I’m sure we’re in for a treat. The year 2020 is the 100th anniversary of the passage of the

19th amendment, and while it didn’t provide ALL women the right to vote, it was an important milestone along that journey. Cheryl loves to share the results of her ongoing research on women’s history, and we’ll all get the benefit of that experience! The meeting will be via Zoom, and there won’t be any charge to attend. We would like to know who can come, so please RSVP to Marti Daily at m-daily@comcast.net or Pat Dains at patdains@comcast.net **by Nov. 11**. You will receive the Zoom information after you confirm your attendance. Mark your calendar to join us on November 14 at 10am.

Committee Reports



Membership

November is here! As another month arises, we can continue to communicate with our teacher friends and family, both current and retired, and talk to them about the opportunities that DKG can provide for them. One key point when conversing with current teachers is to check up on them and see how their mind-state is right now while teaching in the pandemic. Another important point for current teachers to know is the many grants that DKG has to offer! These grants can be utilized in the classroom, for projects, or continuing education. Lastly, we also offer many opportunities for volunteering in our schools and community.

If you have any potential new members, please reach out to me through text, phone call, or email. Keep in mind – we can still have candidates join our virtual zoom meetings!

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Heidi Stone
Membership Chairman

Program

Our October meeting to “*Celebrate Culture*” was a wonderful way to spend an Omega afternoon. Jamyce planned and facilitated an excellent discussion focused on equity, race, and the historic and present attitudes, conditions, and hopes. Her use of a powerful video (created by the granddaughter of a friend) to introduce us to her program inspired us all. I encourage each member to visit the recording of our meeting which was emailed to us by Jamyce on October 13th. Kaaren suggested the possibility of submitting this as a session for the state convention. Again, my gratitude to Jamyce and all of the participants in this outstanding program.

December Meeting

I look forward to each of our meetings, especially during these stay-at-home times. It affords us the opportunity to say hello and catch up with each of our Omega friends. Our December meeting will be the perfect time to share holiday greetings and reassure each other that it will be spring before we know it. Kaaren has planned a meeting that will further connect us to School #83. Our speakers will inform us of a program for the older girls at the school, “Empowering Girls” and the positive impact this has had. Please make sure you have this important date on your calendars.

When: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 5:30pm

Where: ZOOM

Program: Suzanne Clifford, president of Inspiring Transformations, Inc. “Empowering Girls” and Kim Winkle, social worker at IPS #83

DONATION: winter items for grade school

Bring donations to Carol Killen’s house - 6925 Central Ave.(317) 966-9022 – Please let me know when you are coming

Barbara Fearnow and Carol Killen
Co-1st Vice Presidents & Program Chairs

Floro Torrence School #83 Kaaren Rodman

Kaylah Jordan, 2019 Purdue graduate and 2nd year teacher at Floro Torrence School #83 is the Early Career Educator that Omega is supporting this year. She is enthusiastic about being a teacher and seems up to the challenges presented by the 2020 educational environment. She taught kindergarten last year, and this year teaches one of the two first grade classes at the school. She has 16 students, three of whom are online. Three students have Spanish as their first language.

I asked Kaylah to think about how Omega could best support her and her students. We cannot spend time in her classroom as we did previously at School #48, but I assured her that we are also very good at providing needed supplies and resources. When she got back with me recently, she had two ideas: items for her treasure box and books.

Treasure Box: The treasures in the box are items that students can purchase with tickets they earn for walking quietly and properly distanced in the hallways. They can earn as many as four a day. Kaylah described these items as small trinkets and toys that appeal to young children, or things like pencils, erasers, small notebooks or books. (I'm picturing that \$1.00 shopping area at the entrance of Target.) Since the students will make their purchases for the first time on Friday, October 30th, Pat and I will get some items to add to what Kaylah already has.

Level Readers: When we collected books in the spring, we were aware of including books that children reading below their grade level could read on their own. For first grade specifically, Kaylah mentioned a need for books in **levels A through D**, with **A** being picture books and **D** including "sight words". (I think I remember seeing books arranged by levels at Half-Priced Books.) The goal is to have students reading at levels H-J by the end of the year. However, right now what she needs is books they can read aloud to her or to themselves. She has some of these and some at a higher level that two students can read. She stated that *Junie B. Jones*, *Flat Stanley*, *Pete the Cat* and *Boxcar Kids* are series that beginning readers enjoy.

Omega Response: As mentioned above, Pat and I will pick up some items for Kaylah's treasure box. In addition, I have some money donated to me earlier that I will use to get a few books. So, we will be getting "treasures" and books to her right away. **Elsewhere in the newsletter you will see that the chapter will be collecting winter items (hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, etc.) for School #83 and for our chapter's active teachers. That will be the emphasis for December.** We will be supporting Kaylah throughout the school year, so feel free to keep her requests in mind for later.

The committee appreciates all you do to support School #83!



HOLIDAY CELEBRATION: EMPOWERING GIRLS – Get ready to support and celebrate! Mark your calendar to attend our annual holiday gathering at 5:30pm on December 1. Our presenters will be Suzanne Clifford, Inspiring Transformations, Inc. and Kim Winkle, social worker at IPS #83. They will share with us the work they do with young ladies.



- There's something new on the DKG State website - our state leadership. [Click here](#) or visit <https://www.dkgindiana.org> to virtually meet our state leadership, including Omega's own Marti Daily - Editor of the Hoosier Newsette and state webmaster and Mary Anne Schager - Non Dues Revenue Committee Chair.



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

- Δ Virtual visits to DKG headquarters, a DKG Girl Scout patch, book projects and thinking globally - If these topics peaked your interest, [Click here](#) or visit https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/ProgramsProjects/Project_Spotlight/DKGMember/Project_Spotlight.aspx?hkey=8399b27a-49ac-4573-86d8-9ca82258cbe5 and check out these and other interesting chapter projects.



NOVEMBER

1 – Patricia Kambiss, 8 – Nanette Wolfe, 12 – Heidi Stone,
18 – Carol Killen, 25 – Ruby Matthew

KUDOS



This section is designed to recognize the personal and professional accomplishments and activities of Omega chapter members. Please submit your accomplishments to Jamyce Banks at wit@witconsultinginc.com by the 25th of the month for inclusion in the newsletter.

- ❖ Kudos and Thank You, Omega sisters, for your cards, thoughts and prayers in the loss of my mother-in-law. It means more than words can express. DKG Omega is a wonderful chapter to be a part of.

