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Alpha Zeta Chapter of Grant, Huntington, Wabash and Whitley Counties in Indiana

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of women educators and excellence in education.

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Hello to my dear AZ Sisters,

It seems like the Fall colors this year have been more vibrant than ever before. I am not sure that is accurate, or am I noticing the simple things around me more than ever before. The current pandemic really does take a toll on a person. I re-read last year's November letter and it was all about enjoying all of our local festivals and fall celebrations as well as looking forward to family gatherings. Unfortunately, that is not true for our current situation. I am struggling with not being in person with my family, but we are trying to find creative ways to enjoy each other through electronic means. Time seems to be slipping away from me as I juggle working full time, teaching a class virtually for Ivy Tech and keep working on our home improvement projects.

Today I read an article in the most recent AARP magazine that I really enjoyed. The contribution was by Bryan Kozlowski who wrote a new book; *Long Live the Queen*. It was the Life Lessons from the Queen. Queen Elizabeth II is 94 and the world's longest-reigning monarch. Here are her 10 rules for staying vital:

1. **Recharge your willpower:** Teatime is that crucial interval in a hectic day when she rests for a quiet hour while enjoying tea and something sweet.
2. **Stick to a schedule:** Elizabeth calms her mind by following a strict daily regimen and ends her day writing in her journal.

3. **Develop your sense of purpose:** The queen lives for something larger than herself. Studies show doing this helps immunity and reduces one's risk of Alzheimer's.
4. **Serve others:** The queen believes that this helps her to put her own worries into perspective. Studies show that this causes an infusion of an anti-inflammatory hormone.
5. **Sweeten the self-talk:** She puts on her psychological armor by putting things out of her mind which are disagreeable. Elizabeth stated; "The trouble with gloom is that it feeds upon itself."
6. **Brush aside vanity:** She practices self-distancing. She can read through a daily onslaught of personal stories in the tabloids and still remain a detached and frequently amused spectator.
7. **Never stop playing:** Elizabeth takes time almost every day to play (specifically riding horses). This keeps her muscles active and her mind remarkably agile.
8. **Keep the faith:** The queen attends church every Sunday and prays every night before bed. Whatever worries are thrown at her; she believes there is a higher throne on which to lay them.
9. **Be open to change:** Elizabeth II has never stopped learning and adapting. In her words; "Change has become a constant. The way we embrace it defines our future."
10. **Cherish your crowning years:** The queen smiles more nowadays and is more warmly approachable than ever. All of this supports the scientific phenomenon known as the UBend of life – the discovery that the world's happiest people tend to be those who are in their 80's and beyond.

So let's all be queens for the day, week, month or year.

Speaking of “Queens for the Day”, we will be honoring our members for their service to DKG at our November meeting. Please don’t miss this meeting, because we will be honoring all of our members. You are the most loyal and distinguished women educators to the mission and purposes of our Alpha Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. It is time to share and celebrate your accomplishments.

For this next meeting, I was hoping to move over to Google Meet. Our non-profit status at the state and national level is not a 501C3 but is a 501C6 which does not qualify for the nonprofit status with Google. Zoom is still free to all educators, so we will be meeting through Zoom again this month.

Please stay connected with each other. We will be activating the phone tree soon, so that we can directly connect with each other and learn about our members so that we can share in upcoming newsletters. Please watch for upcoming emails to further explain this

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Zoom, November 14th at 9:00 am.



Minutes of Alpha Zeta Virtual Chapter Meeting

September 19, 2020

The meeting opened at 9:00 am with 20 participants. Opening Thought was a poem, "Autumn", submitted by Barb Overdeer and read by Sue Corbin. Prayer was given by Karen Hedrick. Our newest member, Samantha Sutorious, was introduced by Ann Ambler.

New officers were installed by Jadean Barnes: President – Sue Corbin and Ann Ambler, 1st Vice President – Vicki Hinen, 2nd Vice President - Natheda Mills, Recording Secretary – Donna Myer, Corresponding Secretary – Roxanne Thomas, Treasurer – Darlene Bockelman.

Secretary's Report of March meeting: Jadean Barnes moved to accept and Carol Herzog seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted as printed and filed for review.

Correspondence: Susan Keefer and Judy Ward were dropped from membership. Laurel Steill was moved to reserve. Jessica Vedder will remain an active member after her request to move to reserve was denied.

Chapter Project: Natheda Mills reported our project will be to donate to the food banks in each county. Someone from each county will need to send Sue and Darlene the name and address of their food bank. The money received each month will be divided equally among the food banks.

If able, each member is to send a check for your donations to Darlene Bockelman. Please include how you want your donation broken down between Celebration, Scholarship, Grant-in-Aid, Chapter Project (Food Bank).

Committee Reports: Chairs need to submit information every month to the newsletter.

Finance: Books were audited.

Personal Growth: Karen Kinney read the storybook Today I Fly. The nugget of inspiration was that we all need help. Karen's committee was asked by Sue to develop 2 or 3 questions for each member to answer and the results would be shared at each meeting.

Professional Affairs: We want to hand out 3-4 Grants-in-Aid in March.

Scholarship: Money is available for members to use. Please apply.

Congratulations went to Carol Herzog on her appointment as chairman of International Constitution Committee.

The International Convention was held virtually. Sue Corbin, Carol Herzog, Barb Buroker, Roxanne Thomas, and Karen Kinney shared highlights.

The State Executive Meeting was attended by Carol Herzog, Mary Palmer, and Sue Corbin.

All members were asked to check their personal information on the International website and update if necessary. Contact Sue or Darlene if unsure how to do this.

Sue shared the Strategic Action Plan for 2020-2021.

CCOT was held virtually and AZ had 100% attendance.

Our chapter received the 5 Star Newsletter Award. Thank you to Susan Keefer. Thank you to Karen Bandelier and all of the delivery people who made sure everyone got their chapter notebook inserts.

All future Hoosier Newsettes will be received via e-mail. Those without e-mail will receive a paper copy.

You may now order online from the Rose Store. www.DKGIndiana.org

The Janet O'Neal Seminar for Personal Growth may become a Zoom meeting.

DKG Indiana State Conference April 23-25, 2021 is still scheduled for Swan Lake Resort and Conference Center, in Plymouth, Indiana.

DKG Regional Conference – July 7-10, 2021 Portland, Oregon

DKG Regional Conference – July 21-24, 2021 San Antonio, Texas

DKG International Convention – July 12-16, 2022 New Orleans, Louisiana

Professional Growth Points are available for anyone attending this meeting. See Sue.

For the Closing Thought, Natheda Mills showed an inspirational video on how to turn a problem into an asset.

Our program was on how to build a DKG Virtual Library. Judy Kehmeyer and Vicki Hinen gave an excellent presentation. Willing members would choose a picture book or book for older elementary students, practice reading it with flair and theatrics, go to Loom.com and create an account, record yourself reading the book, save the video and post it to the library where any active teacher may use it in her classroom. Judy and Vicki are available evenings and weekends to answer questions.

Next meeting is November 14, 2020, at 9:00 am.

We closed with a video of CHI State singing the DKG song.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Myer, recording secretary

Karen Bandelier shared the following changes in our booklets.

Jessica Vedder is working on her Masters 2020-2021. Pg 36

Judy Kehmeyer's cell is (260) 710-1063. Pg 22 and 31

Leona Bear's email address has changed to labear3978@outlook.com. Pg 38

International Officers on pages 14 and 15 are incorrect.

Cathy Daughtery should not be listed.

Becky Sadowski moves up to the President position. (from 1st VP)

Dr. Lace Marie Brogden moves up to the 1st VP position. (from 2nd VP)

June Bowers moves to the 2nd VP position. (from Member-at-Large)

Dr. Debra LeBlanc of Illinois is the new NE Regional Director. (not Jane Tanner of NY)

Cyndy Moore of British Columbia is the new Member-at- Large. (Taking the place of June Bowers)

Also, please note that the International Officers are not making public their personal contact information, only the state they are from. To contact them, go to www.dkg.org to find their name and office, and you may email them from that site.

Announcements

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CALLING ALL READERS!

We are still in need of readers to record books for the DKG Virtual Library. Dust off your books, practice reading, and record a few books. Go to our [DKG Virtual Library](#) direction page to learn how. Call Judy Kehmeyer (260-396-2617) or Vicki Hinen (260-229-1779) if you need help. We look forward to listening to your favorite stories!

My Personal Experience Recording Loom Stories: Roxanne Thomas

I had a great time recording some of my favorite stories for teachers to use. When using Loom there is a limited time for free. (Unless you are an active teacher.) We didn't know that or the information slipped by me otherwise I would have pushed harder at getting more read. I am not sure exactly how much time they allow but I recorded my stories over a 9-day period. You can record up to 25 stories for free. I would suggest you have all your books ready to go. Also, try to record your stories during the week. When I learned that I was just about out of time with Loom it ended up being the weekend. It took FOREVER for a story to upload so I could send it to Judy. Judy and I both thought this was due to many teachers being on the site getting stories recorded for their classroom. I hope more of you take this opportunity to help teachers with sharing the joy of reading and listening to stories.

Committee Reports– PLEASE review these.

Society Business

Finance: Janet Vesa, Chair

Janet stated her committee has nothing to report at this time.

Membership: We are all part of this committee. Invite a teacher to join us for our January meeting.

Nominations: Brenda Landis, Chair

Brenda reported that she has personally contacted each member of her committee. They will be looking for society members who are leaders to put on the slate for the 2022-2024 biennium.

Chapter Program

Personal Growth and Development: Karen Kinney, Chair

Professional Affairs (grant-in-aid): Myra Schmidt, Chair

Legislative: Judy Kehmeyer, Chair

Judy reported that after the election there will be more bills coming to the floor but there is nothing specific right now.

Music: Ann Ambler, Chair

The MUSIC committee would like to fill your minds with notes that draw you closer to one another, melodies that brighten your days, and harmonies to keep us all connected. During this season of unknowns, try to find time to just sit in a comfortable chair, put on your favorite CD or radio station, close your eyes and relax. Let the notes, melodies and harmonies enrich your lives and know you are loved by your Alpha Zeta sisters!

Educational Services

Communications & Publicity: Barb Buroker, Chair

I hope all of you saw the articles in your respective county newspapers about our September, 2020 Virtual Alpha Zeta meeting and the Virtual 2020 International Convention.

Thank You to our committee members Karen Bandelier, Nancy Kolb, Donna Myer, and Roxanne Thomas for getting the articles out there!

With having virtual meetings now, I promise to do better job of taking attendance...Ruth Moreland was at our September, 2020...sorry Ruth!

If you see articles about any of our members...doing some good and important...please e-mail me (bjburoker@gmail.com) and let me know so I can pass this information on at our virtual meetings or in our committee article in the next AZ Gazette.

Happy Thanksgiving to All!

Scholarship: Donna Ott, Chair

The Scholarship Committee would like to remind you that our Alpha Zeta chapter offers a scholarship to allow an active member to obtain coursework or training that would enable the member to be better prepared to mentor, to teach, or to train others to mentor or teach. Options could possibly be a class or some form of training. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact me, and I will send you a packet and an application.

International Projects: Mary Lou Fries, Chair

Our Alpha Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma will have a report ready to share at the Nov. 14, 2020 meeting. Our committee is comprised of Key Women Educators from Grant, Huntington, Wabash, and Whitley Counties.

Alpha Zeta Members appointed to the International Projects Committee for year 2020-2021 are: Trisha Hinen, Martha Marley, Mary Palmer, Linda Sutton.

Chapter Business

Cheer: Jadean Barnes, Chair

Jadean reported she has sent out birthday cards to our members.

Memorial Committee: Mary Catherine Palmer, Chair

Please keep us informed of any deaths of members. Please send a copy of the member's obituary or send a link to me, if possible. We would appreciate any other personal information, humorous happenings, and pleasant memories to add to the Memorial Service.

Scrapbook: Lori Heuer

Chapter notebook: Karen Bandelier

Standing Rules: Carol Herzog, Chair

I just finished reading Unveiled Truth by Gail Goolsby. This is the DKG Educator's Award winner for 2020. Gail served 7 years as principal at the International School of Kabul in Afghanistan. Her story is an inspiration to educators. I highly recommend this book for your holiday reading. I purchased mine from Barnes and Noble for less than \$15.

2020-2022 ALPHA ZETA OFFICERS

President ... Sue Corbin (2020/21)
Ann Ambler (2021/22)

First Vice President ... Vicki Hinen

Second Vice President ... Natheda Mills

Recording Secretary ... Donna Myer

Corresponding Secretary Roxanne Thomas

Treasurer Darlene Bockelman

Parliamentarian... Karen Bandelier

Immediate Past President... Roxanne Thomas

Mark Your Calendars

January 16, 2021 – Grant

March 13, 2021 – Huntington

May 1, 2021 – Whitley

September 18, 2021 - Wabash

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