



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Indiana State Organization



New Inductees Jo Ann Gappa and Angela Allender with sponsor Jody Arndt

Alpha Sigma News

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A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, SHARON RICHIE

Greetings!

Welcome Angie and Jo Ann, our newest Alpha Sigma inductees, to Delta Kappa Gamma International Society for Key Women Educators. The induction ceremony always fills me with pride to have been asked to be a member of the society. I hope Angie and Jo Ann could feel the pride of the members present to "celebrate the society."

Congratulations to Sheila! The *Alpha Sigma News* received the Five Star Newsletter Award for 2018 - 2019! Our chapter is fortunate to have Sheila take on the responsibilities of Communication chair. I know all of our members appreciate her hard work, dedication to Alpha Sigma, and keeping our chapter with up-

to-date information. The award will be presented at the November meeting.

As discussed at the September meeting, the B.o.B (Bunches of Books) project needs to be launched! Please bring ideas to the November meeting on how we should disseminate the collected books. I realize we started the project with an idea, but it never came to fruition. So, let's regroup and place the books into grateful hands.

Standing Committees will be modified since members have resigned and new members joined. However, the Nomination Committee (Jody Arndt, Elizabeth

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Field Trip to Starke Co. Museum



Eight Alpha Sigma members toured the Starke County Museum on July 30. Tour Coordinator Dawn Ferch gave a brief overview of student visitor activities before leading the members to the genealogy department.



Audrey Kinezian, resident genealogist, explored Kathy Ward's family tree using various research tools. Ms. Kinezian is available Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. until noon to help anyone requiring assistance with family genealogy.

The tour continued with information about the exhibits and many of the donors. Although several of the items are actual artifacts, some, such as the mastodon bones are fiberglass replicas.

Exhibits include arrowheads, quilts, a two-headed calf, WWI and WWII memorabilia and ordnance,

hats, toys, and the world's smallest man's clothing.

Besides giving tours, Dawn is in charge of the exhibits and museum volunteers. If you have something that you think the museum might like to have for an exhibit, bring it to the museum and it will be evaluated.

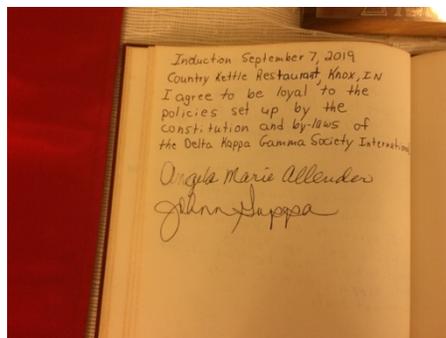


The museum is open from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays and from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. It is located at 401 S Main Street, Knox, IN 46534.

For more photos of this field trip, visit www.alphasigmaindkg.org.

New Member Induction

New members Angela Allender and Jo Ann Gappa were inducted into the Society on Saturday, September 7, at Country Kettle in Knox, Indiana.



Angie is a fourth-grade teacher and Jo Ann is a sixth-grade teacher at North Judson-San Pierre Elementary School. Angie has taught for 24 years coming to NJSP in 2006. She has five children who

are attending Purdue University or have graduated from there. Two of her daughters are also elementary teachers. Angie is an NJSP graduate. She has been married to her husband Greg for thirty-two years.

Jo Ann has taught twenty years with the last seven at North Judson-San Pierre. She has three young children and is married to NJSP High School math teacher Eric Gappa. Jo Ann is an NJSP graduate.

Committee Reports

Sherry Lippelt – Membership
Sherry reported that the two new members inducted into Delta Kappa Gamma at the September meeting had attended the July 25th orientation meeting at Sharon Richie's house. Sherry, Sharon Richie, Lauren Akers and Sheila Akers answered questions and provided additional information after the new member candidates had watched a video.

Next Meeting

November 7, 2019
4:00 p.m.
at the NJSP Elementary
Media Center

Program: Charlie Adams:
His Career in Broadcasting

Sylvia Dumas – Educational Excellence

Sylvia informed the Chapter members of the field trip taken on July 30th to the Starke County Museum. She also reminded members of the November 7th meeting.

Sheila Akers – Communication Committee

Sheila reported that thirty-six gift bags were distributed to first-year

teachers at Argos, Rochester, Oregon-Davis, Knox, Culver, North Judson-San Pierre, and St. Peter Lutheran School in North Judson.

New members will receive the Chapter Yearbook and the Chapter Rules via email.

Nila Beauchamp – International Projects

Nila informed the members that UNICEF prefers monetary donations instead of donated items. Shipping items around the world is cost prohibitive.

International Conferences

Arts & Humanities: Sharon Richie attended the Arts & Humanities Conference in Ashville, North Carolina. Four hundred eighty members and guests from as far away as Japan and Hawaii attended. Sharon was especially impressed with the session in which members made roses from napkins, toilet paper, tomatoes, cucumbers, and other unusual items.

Leadership: Two hundred ninety-four registrants from thirty-eight state organizations, including four from Canada attended this conference in Des Moines, Iowa.

Technology: Attendees were offered more than fifty-five workshop sessions that featured instructional and entertaining technologies in Costa Mesa, California.

Professional Research & Practices: Two hundred forty participants traveled to Reykjavik, Iceland, for twenty-eight workshops, sixteen takeaways, and many keynote speakers.

Global Awareness: Sharon Henderson attended this conference and will report on her experiences at the November meeting.

Results of the Conferences Survey:

- The optimal time to attend and international event is July, August, or September.
- The preferred length of time for an international event is the same as in the past (3-4 days).
- The majority of attendees were not in favor of changing the name of the Society.
- The majority supported one vice-president instead of two.

Emergency Fund: International Conferences attendees donated \$21,341.20 to the Emergency Fund.

Upcoming Events

Fall Arts Retreat

Friday & Saturday
November 15 (4:00 p.m.) -
November 16 (3:00 p.m.)

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House
5353 E 56th Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

Alpha Sigma Member Profile: Nila Beauchamp, a key woman educator who exemplifies “motivated to make a difference.”

Nila Beauchamp has been a Delta Kappa Gamma member since 1980 and has served our chapter in many capacities. Nila retired in May of 2011 after 40 years of teaching (not in order!) grades 1-4 and G/T pullout at Liberty/North Judson-San Pierre Elementary School. I have known Nila for a long time. Our friendship dates from the late 1970s when we taught foreign languages in a G/T afterschool program. Besides being a “regular” teacher, Nila also was the G/T Coordinator for many years and

taught sessions after school. Nila was my daughter’s second-grade teacher and she had a profound influence on Lauren. I asked Nila to answer some questions for me via email to find out more about her and how she is motivated to make a difference. Here is our email interview.



Sheila: To what or to whom do you attribute your drive to make a difference?

Nila: Being invited to join Delta Kappa Gamma in 1980 was an honor. I felt appreciated because I was sponsored by my principal. I knew I was in good company when a friend and colleague was also being inducted that evening. These connections remain valued and respected. Through the years our chapter has grown with many others whom I respect professionally and personally. I have had several teachers who influenced me since kindergarten (1952-1953) through MS+. I especially give credit to Dr. Vanita Gibbs at Indiana State University. She was a professor of language arts methods; she taught us so much more about teaching children than just subjects areas.

She tactfully addressed appropriate dress when working with young children. She related a

story of making a child feel comfortable about home circumstances. She illustrated how we are always role models in all activities. I was especially warmed at a Delta Kappa Gamma Conference in Terre Haute when I sat at a table with Dr. Gibbs. She remembered me, and I felt so honored to be in the same society of which she was a member. She even remembered my name.

Sheila: How has your membership in Delta Kappa Gamma influenced the direction of your activities?

Save the Date!

April 2020

**State Conference
at
Ball State University**

Nila: Delta Kappa Gamma Conferences offer high quality sessions for professional growth. Alternating conference with convention, I especially enjoyed conferences because I always felt like I came back to the classroom with relevant skills/ideas. Being among contemporaries with similar concerns and interests added to the feeling of cohesiveness in our mission. The society also remains current. It responded to the need to make it possible for younger members to earn CEUs through attendance at these sessions.

It is also rewarding to see our society take an interest in supporting new educators. At a time when fewer young people are entering public education, our chapter has taken the initiative to make contact with those in all corporations where we have members. It also heartens me to

see quality people going into teaching. I am especially pleased to be in a chapter with one of my former students who is also a Delta Kappa Gamma member!

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the International website...

<https://www.dkg.org>

Sheila: What are your most memorable "adventures" with Delta Kappa Gamma?

Nila: Probably the most memorable adventure was a Regional Conference at the Greenbrier in West Virginia. The sessions we attended were engaging, the setting was lovely and the company of long-time society sisters as well as new acquaintances were all professionally and personally rewarding. Sharon Henderson gave us each an assignment, and she made a point of recognizing our contribution in print in the program book. That regional was well attended by Indiana.

Sheila: What do you feel are your most important contributions to Delta Kappa Gamma, your community and to education?

Nila: I have served as president during two different (not back to back) biennia, recording secretary, professional growth chairman, personal growth chairman, and membership chairman. An especially memorable event was the 50th anniversary (2004?) of

Alpha Sigma chapter. It was well attended at Chesapeake. The state president, Carol Herzog, joined us.

A volunteer activity I enjoyed was helping score at academic competitions. I helped facilitate several Super Saturdays (G/T and Enrichment events which were open to all Starke County elementary students who met identification guidelines).

I am a supporter of the UMC Kids' Closet program.

A Note from Our President
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Cohagen, Marilyn Lukac and Donna Rowe) will need to begin assembling the slate of officers for the next biennium. We will vote at the February meeting and new officers will be installed at the April meeting. President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary are the offices to be filled. Remember we are all leaders, all busy, all have families and responsibilities and all have made a commitment to DKG. So, feel positive and say yes if asked.

I hope to see all of you at the November meeting,

Sharon

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