

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



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS  
**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**

September 2020

Issue 1

Dear Rho Sisters,

I never thought I'd be missing you all so much! It seems like such a lot of time has passed, and it has since our last time together. Believe it or not, it was February that most of us were gathered. Although, we surely would have gotten the recognition of the most members at the Council One Brunch in March, "the virus" was beginning to sweep quickly across the country. And many chose to play it safe and not attend. I can't say that I blamed you.

During our 2020-2021 year, the transition will be challenging. But we will navigate through it. Our executive committee met on Wed., Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> at the home of Judith Hancock. She offered her beautiful outdoor deck where the few of us masked up and social distanced to plan our year of events and meetings. We decided on a calendar that we feel will keep us as safe as possible. As you look through the calendar, you will see that two of our meetings will be outdoors with more than enough space between us. Masks will be required and no food or drinks will be served. The November Pound Auction that we normally have will be done in the form of donations only. Each of you will have until November to mail in your donation to Francie Blaney prior to that date. However, we hope that you don't overwhelm Francie by waiting until the last moment. The biggest challenge for me will be setting up a Zoom meeting prior to our February meeting. "I think I can, I think I can, I think I can..." I'd like to thank Judith for suggesting and welcoming our committee to her home to lay out our upcoming calendar. Also, to Carmen for agreeing to update our directory again and to Francie for continuing to hold on to the purse strings.

It is my prayer that this correspondence finds everyone in great spirits, safe, and healthy as we prepare to bring opportunities that help us to flourish as club sisters. Please keep our newest Reserve members Rosemary Petrovich, and Betty Davis in your thoughts and prayers.

As you note in our calendar, we will officially be welcoming Amy Kinzie and SeAndrea Ferguson to Rho as our new sisters. They have been guests at several of our meetings. Remember to continue to recruit other women educators that may also bring a positive influence to our Rho family. Initiation can be planned at any time, and forms will be available for potential members at the upcoming meeting. Please consider taking one to a potential candidate.

Also, we are asking each member to provide her birthdate on the attached form, and send it to Francie or you may call or email Carmen. This will be an addition to our directory.

Finally, I'd like to personally **thank** each of **you** for paying your dues ahead of time. I look forward to seeing everyone in attendance at our first meeting.

Below you will see our schedule of events for the year.

Thank you for supporting Rho and Delta Kappa Gamma!

Sandra Y. Collins  
Rho Chapter President

**\*\*\*Rho Meetings for the 2020-2021 Year\*\*\***

**Saturday, September 12, 2020** (Raindate: Sat., Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>)

Judith Hancock's Beautiful Breezy Backyard

1415 West 95<sup>th</sup> Place

Crown Point, IN 46307

(219) 789-2033

Registration begins at 1:00 pm

Program begins at 1:30 pm

\*\*\*Masks are required, and no meal will be served. Please fill out your intent on the bottom portion of this newsletter, and send it to Francie by September 8th. Be sure to include your birthdate.

**November 2020**

Pound Auction—Don't forget to, in lieu of wrapped gifts to bid on, send in a donation to Francie Blaney.

**Saturday, February 6, 2021**

Zoom Meeting

Program-10:00 am

Preparation/Decorations for Council One Joint Brunch

**March 6, 2021**---*Council One Joint Brunch*

**Innsbrook Country Club**

6701 Taft Street

Merrillville, IN 46410

Registration-9:00 am

Brunch-9:30 am

Program- "Remembering Marshall Fields" by Leslie Goddard

**April 23-25, 2021**---*State Conference*

Resort at Swan Lake

Plymouth, IN

**(OVER)**

**Saturday, May 15, 2021**

Judith Hancock's Beautiful Breezy Backyard

1415 West 95<sup>th</sup> Place

Crown Point, IN 46307

(219)789-2033

Registration-1:00 pm

Program-1:30 pm

Initiation and/or Program ideas for active teachers

Honor Retirees

**Please mail this form by Tuesday, September 8, 2020 to:**

**Francie Blaney  
3306 Milestone Creek Court  
Valparaiso, IN 46385  
Or call her at 219-465-3731**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be attending the meeting on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have included my birthdate. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I have included my donation for the Pound Auction.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will send in my donation at a later date.

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**Purposes:** The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has seven basic *purposes* that govern its program of work and study. The activities of each level of the Society implement the *purposes* of the Society. The seven *purposes* include :

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