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President's Pen

"Safe, well and masked!" is how I hope this first newsletter of the 2020-21 year finds all our members. We missed our May 2020 meeting so your current officers were not installed. But we proceeded anyway. This year is going to be unique.

We started with a survey of members to see what your thoughts were on how we should meet this year. Thirty-three percent acknowledged a desire to meet face-to-face, with the majority requesting Zoom meetings. We are going to try a hybrid to appease both. That is, we will be meeting at Kokomo First Friends Meeting, but in the sanctuary. Members will masked up and social distancing observed. We will also be zooming the meeting for those who wish to attend via computer, phone or other device. Tech savvy members Katie Sundheimer and Dawn Johnston have volunteered to help setting up and hosting the Zoom arrangements. Thanks Katie and Dawn!

Vice-president Fran Walker established our programs for the year. We know you like the "hands on" activities, but with the pandemic, we cannot be elbow-to-elbow this year. Fran planned programs that allow us to be present in body or virtually engaged. Our October meeting is traditionally our new member induction dinner. We enjoy eating and fellowshiping, but remember our "DKG Diet!" Things would need to take a positive change before our meeting could allow us to partake of a meal. We will plan to have a long line accommodating social distancing of new members while again many attending via Zoom.

When you get your yearbook this fall, you will see that Fran established the committees for each chapter meeting. However, until we return to meeting all together with refreshments, consider yourself as "on call" status for the committee.

On Saturday, September 12, the State Executive Board meeting and I will be meet via Zoom. The committee chairs and officer training (CCOT) meetings this summer also met via Zoom. Thanks to Fran Walker, Marian Mills, Dawn Johnston, Jet Sundheimer, and Elaine Buchanan (yes, a month before her death) attended training for their positions.

Thirteen of the eighteen members of your Executive Committee met in July to plan this unique year. Even with constraints present, we are looking towards a great year. A goal we have is to make sure we have the chapter organized so that all members have an understanding of where materials are and who has the responsibilities for them.

I am afraid this may be a common thread this year...the Janet O'Neal Leadership Seminar planned for November 2020 has been canceled. However, not canceled is our continued support of Western's Buddy Bag program. We will continue to support this needed program. We will also collect lids for benches, feminine products for Kokomo High School and have a baby bottle available for donations for the Pregnancy Resource Center.

Flexibility has always been one of my favorite words and I think I am going to overuse it this year. Hope to see you in person or via technology on Tuesday, September 15. Stay safe and well.

Your president, Carolyn Thompson

**NEXT
CHI CHAPTER
MEETING**

**Tuesday,
September 15
First Friends Meeting
4:45 PM**

DKG in Review

Our last meeting in early March 2020 was our last “normal” meeting for a while due to the COVID-19 virus, and it certainly was an inspiring and empowering one at that.

Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that permitted women to vote is wrought with pain and suffering.

Speaker and impersonator Rhonda Impink imparted to us a troublesome look back into the brave women Suffragettes path to this precious right we so value today. In particular, Alice Paul, who was a very vocal leader of the time and often imprisoned for her fight, continued to fight for equal rights.

Our meeting’s speaker engaged us and provided interesting information we perhaps did not know. From the Quakers to now, we have much to be grateful for and should not take this privilege for granted.

“The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.”

Constitution of the United States (Rat. 1920)

HELPING HANDS



Just a gentle reminder about those who can use an extra hand or a serving of generosity through thoughtful contributions of **creamy peanut butter, feminine hygiene products, spare change or monetary donations**. These things may seem small to us but are huge in the eyes of someone who cannot afford to purchase them for themselves. Simply bring items to our next meeting and we’ll take it from there to make sure a child in need receives your considerate donation.



2020-2021 DKG PROGRAMS

what to look forward to...

All meetings have the option of meeting face-to-face at First Friends Meeting except the May meeting which will meet at Shiloh Church **OR** meeting via Zoom. Meetings will begin at 4:45 PM.

September 15

*Katie Sundheimer presents
“Africa Schools”*

October 20

Induction Ceremony

November 18

*Troy Bowers, Bona Vista presents
“Disability Awareness”*

February 10

*Jennifer Marden presents
“Chapter 2 Books”*

March 9

*Jannette Shelly presents
“Love on a Leash”*

May 11

Dinner Meeting (Shiloh Church)

Legislative Watch

The 19-20 legislative session was short, meaning it was not a budget year. Legislation regarding schools included:

- 1) House Enrolled Act 1002 which allows for teacher evaluations to be completed without standardized test scores; however, test scores may be included and local associations should discuss this with their administration.
- 2) Senate Enrolled Act 2 is a school accountability measure that implements a two year “hold harmless” policy for state accountability grades and grants flexibility with ILEARN (this is the test that replaced ISTEP; it was administered in the spring of 2019 but was canceled due to COVID-19 for the spring of 2020).

The upcoming legislative session is a long session (January to April) because it is a budget year. Since COVID-19 and quarantine, Governor Holcomb has stated multiple times that he wants schools to receive 100% of their funding (current state law says virtual schools get 85% of their funding). Unbeknownst to Governor

Holcomb, Senator Pro Tem leader Rod Bray sent a letter to school superintendents warning of the 85% funding required for schools who don’t choose face-to-face learning. Needless to say, a large uproar ensued and Governor Holcomb again stated that he wanted all schools to receive 100% of their funding.

If you’ll remember, teachers held a HUGE rally at the Statehouse last November 19 on the organization day for the legislature. Governor Holcomb promised to address critical issues like teacher pay, teacher retainment and increased respect for teachers. The results of his Teacher Pay Commission were supposed to be announced this past May. COVID-19 is the apparent reason we didn’t hear from the commission.

Finally, there may be a virtual “action” taking place in early October. We will be sure to fill you in!

*Katie Sundheimer and
Kim Patterson*

Trea\$ury Notes

DELTA KAAPA GAMMA BUDGET CHI CHAPTER 2020-2021

Income	Month to Date	Amount
International & State		
Active Dues	72 @ \$60.00	\$4,320.00
Reserve Dues	20 @ 30.00	600.00
Initiation Fee/Rein. Fee	4 @ 2.50	10.00
Scholarship	92 @ 1.00	92.00
Conference Fee	92 @ 2.00	184.00
Local		
Active Dues	72 @ \$10.00	\$ 720.00
Reserve Dues	20 @ 7.00	140.00
Initiation Fee/Rein. Fee	4 @ 7.50	30.00
Recruitment Grant	72 @ 6.00	432.00
Cheer	72 @ 1.00	72.00
Miscellaneous	72 @ 1.00	5.00
Total Income		\$6,605.00
Expenses		
International & State		\$5,206.00
Local		
Convention & Workshop		300.00
Chapter Supplies		75.00
Officer Expenses		75.00
Recruitment Grant (Scholarship)		500.00
Cheer		50.00
Meeting Expenses		125.00
Speakers		40.00
Yearbook		140.00
International Projects		92.00
Other		2.00
Local Expenses Total		1,399.00
Total Expenses		6,605.00

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Book Hook

The Enchanted April
by Elizabeth von Arnim

An ad in the London *Times* caught the eye of a young woman in need of something different from her usual restricted life. Her husband was involved in his career and took her for granted. The ad was for a month-long rental of a medieval Italian castle. The expense was too much for her to pay, so she approached a distinguished looking woman who had just put the paper down on a table in the reading room. The second woman was always on the lookout for someone who needed guidance, someone she could help. A brief conversation resulted in their deciding to make inqui-

ries about the rental. In order to reduce expenses, they added two more women to their party.

The young woman who initiated this trip is looked down upon by the other three as their social inferior. She has a knack, however, for seeing through the false fronts the others present and somehow knows what they need to be happy. They try to take advantage of her by giving her the least desirable and smallest room, for example. She comes out of her shell, gains self-confidence, and initiates delightful changes in the other three. When her husband joins her near the end of the month, he sees her in a new light.

This is a delightful, funny, and short novel that was published in 1922. Our public library does not have the book, but its site lists a DVD of the movie. I found an inexpensive Kindle book on Amazon.

(Treasury Notes Cont).

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
CHI CHAPTER
TREASURER'S REPORT
August 17, 2020

Balance forward as of March 10, 2020	\$3,448.96
Deposits	
Dues	\$6,320.00
Recruitment Grant	232.00
Other	<u>115.00</u>
<i>Total Deposits</i>	<i>\$6,667.00</i>
Expenditures	
Postmaster--Stamps	\$ 22.00
DKG International Projects	92.00
Rhonda Impink--Speaker	50.00
Karen Foust--Flowers	8.55
Sydney Stoerger--Recruitment Grant	500.00
Community Foundation--Marion Eller	20.00
First Friends Meeting--Donation	50.00
Jet Sundheimer--Postage & Seals	146.75
DKG International--Dues	3,060.00
DKG Indiana State Org.--Dues	1,750.00
Savings Account	100.00
Postmaster--Stamps	55.00
DKG International Dues	140.00
DKG Indiana State Org. Dues	<u>81.00</u>
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>\$6,075.00</i>
Balance on hand, August 17, 2020	\$4,040.96

OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Savings Account Balance, August 17, 2020	\$2,117.28
Series E Treasury Bonds, June 30, 2020	\$6,075.20
Membership Count: 89 (71 Active, 18 Reserve)	

Thanks to all of you who helped me get the dues turned in this year under very trying conditions. We may have lost five members, but we added two with the reinstatement of Jami Sharp and the transfer in of Peggy Hollingsworth. We are very happy and grateful to have them both. Thank you again.

Marian Mills

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Delta Kappa Gamma Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2020
First Friends Meeting

38 Members in Attendance

Call to Order

- President Jet Sundheimer called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm.

Program

- Vice President Carolyn Thompson introduced Rhonda Impink, who took on the persona of Alice Paul.
- In her 1925 persona, she explained how Suffragettes, led by Quakers, worked for 72 years, from Seneca Falls Convention (1848) to ratification of the 19th Amendment (1920), to achieve the right to vote for women.
- Rhonda noted that Alice Paul would probably be disappointed that after 100 years, women don't hold an equal number of legislative seats, and women (especially women of color) earn far less than their male counterparts.

Social Committee

- Members sang the Delta Kappa Gamma song, with accompaniment by Donna Walden.
- Jet thanked Social Committee Chairperson Ann Funk, who in turn thanked her committee: Ruth Pedigo, Tica Rogers, Jeanine Smith, Sharlot Spaulding, Fran Walker, Pat Waterman, and Dawn Wysong.

Secretary's Report

- Minutes of the February 5, 2020 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Marian Mills reported \$17.05 in deposits and \$118.02 in expenditures, leaving a balance of \$3,345.41. Her report was approved.
- She also reminded members to mail her their 2020-21 dues or bring a check to the May meeting. Dues for active members are \$80; dues for reserve members are \$40.

Membership

- Elaine Buchanan reported that she had received two names of potential members.
- She and Jet both asked members to submit more names of potential members to Elaine.

Cheers and Concerns

- Jill Newby is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Marion Eller has been in the hospital and is back home.
- Carol Hartzog, our State Secretary, broke her leg.

Legislation

- Karalee Graves provided a newspaper article about the changing expectations for students in Indiana.

Yearbook/Newsletter

- Dawn Johnston asked members to provide her with a digital picture for next year's yearbook.
- She will bring a camera to the May meeting to photograph those who don't have a digital photo.

Nominations Committee

- The slate of officers for Chi Chapter 2020-2022 was unanimously elected:
 - President: Carolyn Thompson
 - Vice President: Fran Walker
 - Recording Secretary: Lisa Ellison
 - Treasurer: Marian Mills
 - Parliamentarian: Jet Sundheimer

Service Projects

- Carolyn Thompson reminded members that Western Schools will pack their last Buddy Bags at Russiaville United Methodist Church April 9 and May 7. The program is looking for a new church home for next school year.
- Carolyn asked members to continue to bring feminine hygiene products for Kokomo High School, money for the Pregnancy Resource Center, and plastic caps for benches.

State Conference

- Jet reminded members to register for the April 25 State Conference by March 16.
- Only three members from Chi Chapter have registered. Because we are one of the sponsors of the conference, we need to have strong representation at the conference.
- The Ceremony of Remembrance will include the three Chi Chapter sisters we lost this year.
- Money will be collected at the state conference for the DKG Emergency Relief Fund for our sisters facing crises.

In Memory

- Dorothy Johnson, a reserve member of Chi Chapter, passed away February 13, 2020. She was a 37-year member and retained her membership while in assisted living.
- Sandra Brown, an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma State, also passed away.

May Dinner

- Patty Zeck announced that the dinner meeting will be May 12, with social time at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm, at Shiloh United Methodist Church.
- The dinner this year will focus on women and the Suffragettes.
- All members are asked to wear bright red lipstick, a feature of Suffragette marches, and members will be given a Suffragette banner to wear that evening.
- Each food item contains five or fewer ingredients, to symbolize how little time working women had for cooking.
- The quiz will honor women in song.
- Susan Stouse will take reservations. Please tell Susan if you have gluten-free or diabetic needs.

Adjournment

- Patty Zeck won the door prize.
- The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Ellison, Recording Secretary

member **U** **P** dates

Please note that this area is reserved for updates to member's information such as corrections, additions, changes, etc. This could include phone numbers, addresses, or e-mail addresses or any other information that you would like changed and shared with the rest of the membership. Please let Susan Stouse AND Dawn Johnston know so that master lists can be updated first and then they will share with the rest of the membership.

At this time we have no updated to share. If there are updates, contact:

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Chapter Cheers & Concerns

Please keep us informed of events in your life or the lives of others. We want to continue to be a community and society of caring, professional women. Note that we want to both celebrate the milestones AND comfort during the difficult times.

A big CONGRATULATIONS to Patty and Jon Zeck who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. May you have another 50 years?



Thinking of Barb Hinkle and her family while her granddaughter recuperates from an accident. Please keep Gloria Nipple and Carol Gatman in your thoughts and prayers as they battle with health issues. Last, but certainly not least, our condolences to Lisa Ellison on the passing of her mother, Judy Herman.

Please submit your cares and concerns to:

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