



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

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Words from our President...

Our Trip to the State Convention in Lawrenceburg, Indiana

Thankfully, the convention went more smoothly than our trip to Lawrenceburg! Rose and I left between 2-2:30 figuring that even stopping for dinner we should arrive no later than 7:30, giving us time to look around the hotel and town. Not so! As we drove along Rt. 74 just before Batesville, we were slowed to a stop due to an accident ahead. We crawled at <5 mph to the nearest exit and then crawled, in a long conga line of cars, along Rt. 46 until we could be rerouted to I-74. Needless to say, it was 10:30 when we finally arrived at our destination!!

After this auspicious beginning the rest of the weekend went great! Saturday was a busy day. It began with a 7 am Executive board meeting followed at 9 am by the Opening session. In these meetings we covered business, which included the merging of Alpha Psi chapter with Gamma Lambda; reports of officers, related personnel and committees and state bylaws and standing rules amendments. It was sad to hear that we now have only 48 chapters in Indiana which is down from 90 when I was attending these state meetings 15 years ago.

At 10 am we enjoyed two breakout sessions. I attended "Children's Literature...It's Not Just For Kids" and "Bucket-Hose-Water-Cans" (a short history of firefighting). Rose attended "Sierra Leone: Hope for Tomorrow-Education Today" and "Building Confidence with the New Dues".

At noon we attended the 81st anniversary Birthday Luncheon. The luncheon included entertainment by a group called "Safe Harbor" a gospel trio, recognition of past presidents, and speakers Kim and Mike Pinto. Kim and Mike are from the Lafayette area; he is a principal and she teaches a high ability 2/3 class. They are excellent motivational speakers. Their presentation was "Take a Pebble—Build a Sand Castle".

Immediately following the luncheon was the 2nd general session. The amendments to our bylaws and standing were approved by those attending the general session and the election of state Officers for the 2019-2021 biennium was held. Our officers are: President Jo Jones, First VP Stephanie Walsh, Second VP Rachel Etherington and Secretary Nancy Durham.

The evening was capped off by the Presidents and Founders Banquet. The banquet began with the Chapter Presidents' Processional, entertainment by our state chorus and the installation of our new officers. Definitely time for bed!

On Sunday morning the Ceremony of Remembrance was held. Thirty-four sisters were remembered in this beautiful service including our own Kathy Arbuckle. The Honors Breakfast followed. It included the recognition of Women of Distinction (recommended by their chapters), Golden Key chapters, scholarship recipients, mini-grant recipients and travel study recipients.

Rose and I were on our way home by 1 pm and safely home without mishap a few hours later. State meetings are so very interesting to attend. You meet so many other outstanding teachers and learn so much. And, if you get there in a timely manner, you even get to enjoy the city!

Carolyn Borchardt, President



Meeting Minutes at a Glance



April Minutes submitted by Secretary Sue O'Donnell

Members present: Ann Grant, Shirley Hewlett, Chris Cashen, Linda Mudra, Sue O'Donnell, Anna Rominger, Carolyn Borchardt, Vicky Elkins, Mary Zelencik, Carolyn Lohman, Rose Bell, Celia Leahu, Barbara Mattingly, Terri Tratar, Theresa Secondino

The meeting began at 5:00pm with a Memorial Service for Leola Daniels, who was a long-time DKG member. President Carolyn Borchardt presented an overview of Leola's life and the many organizations in which she was actively involved. Leola Daniels was inducted into Sigma chapter on Nov. 9, 1967. She received a 25-year pin in 1992 when her niece Debbie Austin was Sigma president. Years later when Leola retired and moved back to Missouri, she transferred her membership to a chapter there so she could still be involved. Debbie was out of state and unable to be here today to speak for her aunt, but she sent a letter giving her a warm tribute. Leola was active in not only DKG but several community organizations. Pres. Borchardt placed a bouquet of white roses on the DKG initiation book open to the year Leola became a member.

Ann Grant presented information on our grant-in-aid recipient, Katharine Hanas. Ann and Debbie Bugajski interviewed her and were very impressed with her credentials. Katharine is a Munster teacher working on her administrative license. She was unable to come today but will be invited to the next meeting. The business meeting was called to order at 5:10pm by Pres. Borchardt.

Carolyn Lohman requested a date change for the next meeting at her home. Instead of June 13 it will be June 20 at 12:00. This is our annual box-lunch fundraiser and all are encouraged to attend. Chris Cashen stated that the newsletter will be sent out in early May after the state convention which is April 26-27 in Lawrenceburg, IN. Pres. Borchardt and Treasurer Rose Bell will be attending and they encourage any member interested in making the trip to join them. Chris asked the membership to submit any personal news or recipes they'd like to share for the newsletter.

The Minutes of the December meeting were read by Secretary Sue O'Donnell and approved by Anna Rominger and seconded by Mary Zelencik.

Rose Bell then gave the treasurer's report. Savings account balance is \$11,439.95 and checking account balance is \$3,906.87 for a total of \$15,346.82. She addressed the discrepancy in the amount collected for the Brunch reported in April's treasurer's report. Rose deposited \$23 that someone paid to attend in her place. The amount collected for the brunch should have said \$253 and the amount paid was \$278 due to the speaker's fee. The report will be filed for financial review.

Pres. Borchardt stated that since there is no old or new business to discuss, she requested a motion to adjourn the business meeting at 5:25pm. Vicky Elkins so moved and Carolyn Lohman seconded. The motion carried.

The program "Celebrate Ourselves" was led by Mary Zelencik. She had on display poster boards containing old lists of Hammond schools and the number of students and teachers at each school. At that time, during the 1960s-1970s, there was a large pool of women teachers to recruit from to join DKG. There was also a high interest in becoming a member. In the early 1960's Sigma chapter became so large that a group broke away to form the Beta Delta chapter. It is recognized that there is a crisis in education nationwide due to a number of factors. The Delta Kappa Gamma Society is facing a dilemma of how to remain a vibrant organization to attract working teachers to join and attend meetings. Several members expressed their concerns. Two problems have been identified: How to increase membership, and how to get current members to attend meetings. What steps can be taken to address the problem? That is the challenge we face going forward.

President Borchardt then read a letter from Bonnie Hoover, a 53-year member, who now lives in New Buffalo, MI. She sent her best wishes and shared her insights into how teaching has changed. She also keeps in touch with some current members. Member news—Joann Sharkey had two strokes. Corky Eisenmenger is in a nursing home. It is unfortunate that most seniors in nursing homes have no computer access to keep up with news of our meetings.

Pres. Borchardt presented all members with certificates and/or pins honoring the number of years of membership. Following that, the Delta Kappa Gamma Song was sung. The meeting ended with the serving of the cake that was decorated to honor all of us in Sigma chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Summer Fruit Stack

This is always a popular recipe because it's easy to make it your own. Use whatever fruit you've got on hand—from berries to melon and anything in between. Makes about 8 servings.

Ingredients

1 angel food cake (10-12 ounces) store-bought is just right for this recipe
1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup milk
1 cup confectioners' sugar
1 container (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed
5 to 6 unpeeled peaches, plums, nectarines (or a combination), sliced or chunked * or fruit of your choice

Tear the angel food cake into little pieces in a large bowl. Add remaining ingredients, except the fruit, and mix. In a large glass serving bowl (a trifle bowl works nicely) alternate layers of cake mixture and fruit.

Official Summer Pool Drink

1 can pineapple juice (46 oz.)
1 cup Country Time lemonade mix
2 cups water
2 cans Sprite
1 bottle of Pineapple Coconut Rum
Mix, Chill, Enjoy!



Fun Day Trips

Looking for a fun day trip to take with your DKG sisters, coworkers, or family? DKG member Ann Grant suggests visiting Gabis Arboretum. It used to be Talltree, but Purdue has taken it over and is doing some nice renovations. The extensive model railroad is still there with a new tower from which to observe the entire spread. They have workshops and concerts regularly and a fun discovery area for kids! The Arboretum and Garden entrance is located at 450 West 100 North, Valparaiso, IN. 46383 It's open 7 days a week. Admission is \$10 for adults, Seniors (+55) \$6, Youth (5-17) \$5.

If you like antiques, garden iron, woodwork, and unusual finds, you might enjoy a trip to Green Oaks Antiques. DKG member Chris Cashen suggests getting an early start in the morning to travel to 3024 S 425 E, Rochester, IN. 46975. There are three buildings to peruse through looking for that perfect treasure. The owners are usually willing to discount anything you purchase. If you see something you like, jump on it because it might not be there the next time you visit. The owners are constantly getting new and unusual stock in. You can't leave there empty handed!

Upcoming Meeting News

*Note June meeting date change

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 20th, 2019, at noon. It will be held at Carolyn Lohman's house at 4150 Chase, Gary. This is our annual boxed lunch/fundraising meeting so be sure to bring some cash (checks also accepted) for the bidding. Please bring a complete boxed lunch that members will bid on. In the past, we've had some bidding wars solely based on the cute container that the lunch was packed in! Carolyn always has a refreshing beverage to share or you may bring your own. If you're lucky, the boxed lunch you win might include a delightful drink, too! We hope to see many members at this fun and relaxing meeting.

A tentative date of Thursday, July 11, 2019, has been set for our annual planning meeting at President Carolyn Borchardt's home at 1049 169th Place, Hammond. Time to be determined. We'd love to have as many members as possible attend so we can have as much input as possible, as to what type of programs you would like to see during the final year of the biennium. Please try to attend.

Congratulations to DKG member, Ann Grant, on the birth of her granddaughter, Judith. She was born on March 22, (2 months early) by C-section. She weighed 4 lbs., 12 ounces—not bad for being that early. Grandma Ann got to hold Judith within 24 hours !:) Mommy Candice and baby Judith are adjusting and doing well.

Keep informed through the following websites:

Chapter: www.sigmadkg.weebly.com

State: dkgindiana.org

International: www.dkg.org

Membership Dues News

DKG Treasure, Rose Bell, would like to remind the members that membership dues is now due by June 30th, 2019. Regular members pay \$75.00 and reserve members pay \$34.00. Add \$1.00 for World Fellowship, if you so choose. If you plan on attending the meeting on June 20th, at Carolyn Lohman's house, you can pay Rose at that time. If you're unable to attend, please send payment to Rose Bell, 7709 Indian Boundary, Gary, IN., 46403. Please use the form below:

Member's Name _____

_____ \$75.00 regular member or _____ \$34 reserve member

_____ \$1.00 World Fellowship Total enclosed _____

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