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Meeting Schedule

Members,
Please be thinking of the topics, guest speakers, and projects you would like to see our chapter plan for. Keep in mind, we may need to meet via Zoom for awhile, so think outside the box.

Contact Carolyn Borchardt with any suggestions.

**Stay
Tuned!**

**The Best
Is Yet To
Come!**

Words from our President...

To my Sigma sisters,

I am sure you have heard about all you can stand in regard to this pandemic. I KNOW I HAVE! It is lonely without seeing each of you. I have been doing a lot of jigsaw puzzles (6), crocheting, reading and playing games on my iPad. Sounds exciting doesn't it? What are you doing to keep yourself occupied?

Since we have decided not to hold face-to-face meetings, I have assigned myself the task of learning how to create and manage a Zoom session. As soon as I start my lessons, I will be calling several of you to help me practice. I will need to practice with people who must call by phone and those who are able to use computers or iPads to attend the meeting. In the meantime, please be thinking about programs or activities we might enjoy once we are comfortable getting together or that we can do via Zoom. We can be creative...look at what has been shared by musical groups, talk show hosts and Facebook.

Off to a different topic. The DKG International Convention was held virtually from July 7-9. There was no cost. So far I have been able to watch the entire first day on YouTube. It took me three days to do it because I could not sit at my computer long enough to watch the whole thing. I thought the session entitled "From Chalkboards to Smartboards" presented by Patricia Fisher was kind of dry, perhaps because I have been retired for 16 years. I thought the "Creating New DKG Chapters" was very interesting. Julie Drysdale and Daphne Cagle are from California and presented different ways that they were able to start 5 new chapters. If you get a chance to watch it on YouTube, let me know what you think. "Why We Believe in Fake News" was a reminder of some things we already knew about vetting your sources. As you know "if it's on the news, internet or in the newspaper, it must be true" is not necessarily so. The final session I watched was "How Trauma Affects Teaching" by Karen Gruss. This session was very interesting. She gave ideas of how to deal with children in your classroom who have suffered some type of trauma. There were also comments from honorary members including Dolly Parton. She shared her Imagination Library program which was quite interesting. The convention will be available for a year, so it is my plan to see all of it. Jo Jones, our state president, said the keynote speaker was outstanding! I can't wait. If you are interested in listening to any of the sessions you may access them through dkg.org. Your user number is your membership # found on your membership card or I can give it to you. The password is 1991sigmasister.

As I leave you, please be healthy and safe.

Carolyn



Meeting Minutes at a Glance



Due to the cancellation of in person meetings because of the pandemic, there are no current minutes to share. In lieu of minutes, secretary Sue O'Donnell shared the following prayer.

A Prayer for COVID-19 Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced
remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors
remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home
remember those who must choose between preserving
their health and making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children
when their schools close, remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips
remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money
in the tumult of the economic market
remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home
remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

And during this time when we may not be able to
physically wrap our arms around each other,

let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

Written by

Sister Judy Sinnwell, Franciscan Sisters of Dubuque, IA

Zandstra Nursery Fundraiser Results

Thank you to everyone that participated in the 2020 Zandstra plant sale. As we might have expected, it was a totally different world as far as gardening is concerned. I can only imagine that because of the stimulus package and the fact that most people were so tired on hunkering down during the winter, they were anxious to get out in their yards and spend that money. Zandstra's workers told me that people were out in force and decimated the stocked plants. If you got there later than Memorial Day, the shelves were almost bare. That being said, there was a small slump in our sales. I'm happy to say we garnered \$174.00 for our coffers. Thank you for your support again this year. (Many thanks to Mary Zelencik for organizing this fundraiser)

Rhubarb Custard Pie

(Grandma Borchardt's Recipe)

3 tb. flour	2 cups rhubarb (cut into pieces)
1 cup sugar	1 package pie crusts (contains 2 crusts)
	1 egg, beaten

Line pie pan with one crust. Prepare filling as follows: combine flour, sugar and egg. Beat thoroughly. Stir in rhubarb. Pour into crust lined pan. Cover with top crust. Seal and trim pie dough. Crimp edges and cut a few slits in the top crust. Bake at 425 degrees for 10 minutes; reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake for an additional 35 minutes. Grandma used 1 1/2 recipes for a 9 inch pie pan.

Submitted by Carolyn Borchardt



What some of our DKG sisters have been up to...

Carolyn Borchardt proudly announced that she has adopted a “new” rescue dog named Casey. Casey is a 50 pound mixed-breed female. Casey loves to ride in the car once she settles down. The shedding is something that Carolyn has forgotten about since it’s been awhile since she’s had a dog. Overall, Carolyn says that Casey is a sweet girl and she’s so glad she adopted her.

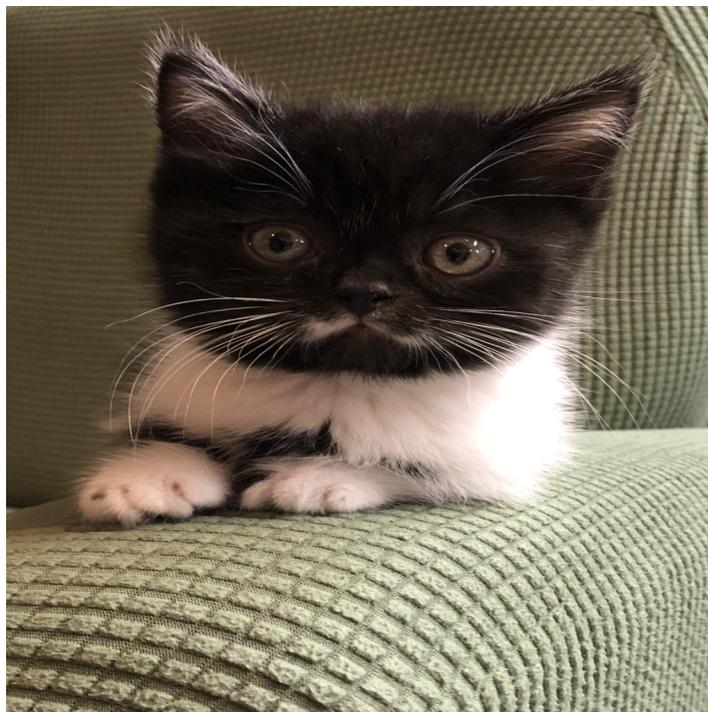
Mary Zelencik has kept busy in her happy place—her yard! Mary shares that she read somewhere that instead of using Miracle Grow, you can mix 3 T. of Epsom salts with water in an empty gallon milk jug. It really perks up the plants. Mary does this every Monday and then just waters regularly during the rest of the week, if necessary. It’s much cheaper than Miracle Grow. She also shares that if you wish to clean up a spot to plan in the future and need to get rid of all the old growth, just weedwack the weeds to the ground and lay used carpeting (pile down) on the spot. Leave for 3-4 months and check the progress by pulling up the corners. She usually does this in the fall then she can start with a clean bed in the spring. If you want to keep the space for outdoor furniture, leave the carpet there and put mulch on top of the carpet. The carpeting will take a pretty long time to decompose and can be worked into the soil. Mary is currently doing this around the edges of her flower beds and putting mulch on top to eliminate edging. She also uses grass clippings to make a simpler edging around her flower beds and underneath her chain link fence. She places it fairly deep around the plants and then it shrinks or dries out to form a decent barrier. You can also put a layer of mulch on top if you don’t like the dry grass look. Mary also recommends watching a one person play called “Ann” that she watched On Demand on Great Performances. It’s about the former Texas Governor, Ann Richards.

Sue O’Donnell has kept busy completing 3 puzzles, organizing loose photos into 2 family albums, and purging old recipes and organizing her cookbook. She had bunion surgery in early May and had to wear a boot for 4 weeks. She misses her sandals, as she has to wear crocs or tennis shoes, due to the surgery.

Chris Cashen read 11 books and recommends anything by her favorite author, Kristin Hannah. She’s also been working on making a scrapbook for her grandsons from their trip to Disney World in October. She also has a great tan going from all the time she’s been able to spend in her pool to beat the heat.

Rose Bell jokes that she now has a new excuse for memory lapses— “pandemic brain!”

Shirley Hewlett also has added a new furry friend to her family— meet Bodacious. He’s only 14 ounces and came to live with Shirley so rowdy Lovey would have a playmate, but he will have to grow considerably. Currently, they are nose to nose through a protective screen, but they are flipping and jumping at each other, so hopefully, this was a good decision. Bonnie celebrated her nineteenth birthday in April, so she doesn’t wish to play with Lovey anymore. She does flip her tail for Bodie to grab. Little Bodie is a registered Minuet, a breed smaller than Shirley’s other two cats. He does have the short legs and longer body. He’s very full of himself for someone whose body isn’t even as large as a Coke can! His eyes are still changing colors. Shirley thinks one day soon she’ll wake up and he will have gorgeous green eyes! Of course, he is already attached to Mama. He’s a little sweetheart who likes to nestle near her neck and give her kitty kisses. Shirley states that, “Life is better with pets!”



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Ways to receive DKG Print News:

- *A “flip book” to read on your computer
- *Download a pdf file that can be printed or read on your computer
- *Contact International headquarters to request that a copy be printed and mailed to you.

Dates of Interest:

Indiana Fall Executive Board Meeting, September 12, tentative
Arts & Humanities Gallery, deadline for fall submissions Sept. 15 @
www.dkg.org

*Dates of physical gatherings subject to change due to physical restrictions

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