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Mission Statement

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

STEERING THE SHIP...



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As we focus on the future destination of Gamma Lambda, it is once again time to recharge our course! To steer the Gamma Lambda ship through rough seas and to different ports, we must commit to working together for the success of our common goal - continuing Gamma Lambda's DKG journey.

Our journey will take us through the foundations of the past, the features of the present, and the options for creating a more secure future.

What is it that you value most about being a DKG member?

What can you do to help achieve our goal, evolving from the past and present into the future?

What will that future look like?

The answers to these questions lie within each of us as well as within the vision, mission, and seven purposes of DKG.

Vision - Leading women educators impacting education worldwide

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

Seven Purposes

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



Society Business



Steering the ship continued:

- 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 so that they may participate effectively in a world society

Some food for thought as we begin Gamma Lambda's journey into the future.

Yours in DKG,

Leslie

**Minutes of September 18, 2021
Gamma Lambda Chapter
Delta Kappa Gamma**

The Gamma Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met at the Eckhart Public Library in Auburn. President, Leslie Hamman called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Betty Wagner gave the opening thought, "Hide and Seek."

The June 16, 2021 minutes were published in The Connection. They were approved as amended with the location of FAR changed from Indianapolis to Noblesville.

Treasurer – Report – Deb Landa gave the following treasurer's report:

Beginning Balance \$2,312.21
 Receipts \$830.00
 Disbursements \$1,381.00

Ending Balance \$1,761.21
 Alpha Psi Fund \$1,176.71

President, Leslie Hamman offered to use her president expenses for convention and the state executive board meeting to cover the cost for the SEE gift cards. Sherry Crisp-Ridge made a motion to transfer from the President's Fund, the president expenses for convention and the state executive board meeting to the SEE account to cover the cost for the SEE gift cards. Judy Moughler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Editor – Patti Brooks

Patti encouraged members to feel free to send her any contributions to The Connection.

State Information – Leslie Hamman

Leslie attended the State Executive Board meeting held September 11, 2021.

The end of year financial report was approved as well as reinvesting the scholarship funds in a CD.

CCOT – Presidents and Treasurers will meet in person on June 8, 2022 with at least one Zoom meeting for those not able to meet in person. There will be ZOOM sessions for the other officers and committee chairs. The fee for these is \$10 per session.

Over the next year, past president Jo Jones will work with the new coordinating councils to create their standing rules. We will be near the end as she needs to start with those having state events.

State challenge of increasing membership by 5% which equals 1-2 new members for us plus working to add members for each one we lose.



Society Business



The membership committee has also asked that we send a photo with the Form 6 when members pass away. This will be used during the Ceremony of Remembrance.

An updated Golden Key application was handed out.

The nomination committee is taking applications for state treasurer and three members on the Nomination/Personnel Committee. Applications and job descriptions can be found online.

Women of Distinction for 2021 due March 2022.

Carol Herzog is our liaison.

Chapter Standing Rules need to be submitted to the State Rules Committee by the end of each biennium. Ours need updating. See Leslie if you are willing to help.

Strategic Action Plan Committee will be reviewing where each chapter is in the process of following your SAP roadmap focusing on the future of the chapter.

Personal Growth and Professional affairs want to recognize chapters and members for their various activities. Example our Books in Hand project.

Scholarships and mini grants are available from the state and international. Information and applications are available online.

The Janet O'Neal seminar is tentatively scheduled for November 5, 2022.

Encouraged to continue giving to World Fellowship and Schools in Africa.

FAR us November 13, 2021 in Noblesville. The \$70 will cover five crafts, breakfast, and lunch.

The 2022 State Conference will be in Danville on April 23, 2022. Leslie has forms for anyone interested in presenting a program for a breakout session at state conference on April 23, 2022. She also has one for creating a chapter poster (hard copy or digital).

Congratulations to Editor Patti Brooks! Once again Gamma Lambda has earned the Indiana State Organization Five Star Newsletter Award. Thank you, Patti!

Standing Committee Reports Society Business

Communications, Publicity, and Scrapbook/Historian –

Any articles or pictures to turn in? Continue to collect what you see!

Membership --

Position of Membership chair needs to be filled. Contact Leslie if you are interested. Discussion followed on how to gain new members.

Ideas suggested:

Part of dues for first year be paid by the chapter.

\$10 induction fee be paid.

Co-sponsors may be willing to pay for the new member's first year.

Perhaps 2 new members from a school or corporation would help with having something in common.

Invite perspective new members to a meeting to become more familiar with our Society.

CLC a possible location in Kendallville for meetings.



Society Business



Nominations – Sherry Crisp-Ridge

No report. However, anyone interested in being an officer or committee chairperson, please let her know.

Society Mission and Purposes

(Educational Excellence)

Educational Excellence – Patti Brooks

Send program book additions, updates, corrections to Patti.

Special Assignments /Ad Hoc Committees

Books in Hand – Jo Drudge

Please continue to collect books to be used for this project: new or gently used. Patti and Jo will check with hospitals to see if they will accept our donations. With the new string of Covid developing this could be an issue again.

Technology chairperson

This position needs to be filled to update our website. Anyone interested, please let Leslie know.

Unfinished Business

Sherry Crisp-Ridge was presented with a Personal Growth Experience Certificate.

New Business

Judy Miller suggested an Usborne Book Sale Party to help provide books for the Books in Hand project. This will be discussed further at our October meeting when more information is known.

Announcements

Dortha King's Celebration of Life will be at the November meeting in hope that Bev will be able to attend as well.

Bev Ellert is doing well but continues to go to Chicago every week. She is welcoming visitors, but it is best to call before your visit.

Saturdays seem to be the best day, but still a call is best.

Carol Gear fell and is in rehab at Betz's. Let's send cards for encouragement. Judy Miller's burns continue to heal. We will miss her and hope for her continued healing.

Closing

Judy Moughler shared "Give Lavishly! Live Abundantly."

Leslie thanked everyone for attending and Patti Brooks for being the hostess, Betty and Judy Moughler for giving the opening and closing thoughts.

Judy Moughler then led the members in the Delta Kappa Song.

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Following the business meeting, members wrote notes to 31 new educators (SEE) which will include gift cards.

Our next meeting will be October 16th at the Eckhart Public Library in the upstairs room. This will be an important "organizational meeting" discussing plans for programs and locations for future meetings along with special arrangements for our November meeting.

(CLC in Kendallville is a possibility for a location for future meetings).





Society Business



EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE/ INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

Patti Brooks for Bev Ellert, Chair

The holiday season is approaching quickly! Halloween is just a few weeks away, then Thanksgiving and finally only 10 Fridays left until Christmas!

Our next meeting is a special one! We are inviting our SEE recipients and of course it's the Silent Bake Sale! Make plans to attend this meeting November 20th at the Eckhart Public Library!

The program book is done for 2021-22. For any new changes you can message, call, or email me!

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Finance

Patti Brooks, Chair

November is time for giving thanks for all the blessings we have in our lives. We share Thanksgiving dinner with family and friends, enjoying fellowship and delicious food.

One of the many blessings Gamma Lambda has to offer is our grants-in-aid to deserving high school graduates pursuing a degree in education.

The Silent Bake Sale is our only fund-raising event for the grants. Last year we depended on donations in the wake of COVID and our members responded to the challenge!

This year we gather again with the opportunity to give to this worthy cause. Everyone looks forward to the wide variety or delicious goodies, just in time for Thanksgiving dinner! Mark your calendars!

Gamma Lambda Projects

Books in Hand

Darlington Farms is a great place to purchase board books!

Silent Bake Sale

The Silent Bake Sale will be November 20, just in time for Thanksgiving goodies!

SEE

Thank you to everyone who wrote a card of encouragement to our 31 SEE recipients!

Technology

Twitter

https://twitter.com/gammalambda_DKG?lang=en

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/GammaLambdaDKG/>

Website

<http://dkggammalambda.weebly.com/>

DKG International

<https://www.dkg.org/>

Indiana State Organization

<https://www.dkgindiana.org/>



Society Announcements



Red Roses to...

Patti Brooks and her committee for hosting our September meeting

Betty Wagner and Judy Moughler for giving the Opening and Closing Thoughts

Patti Brooks for earning the Indiana State Organization Five Star Newsletter Award

Jo Drudge for taking the minutes in Judy Miller's absence

Gamma Lambda members for writing encouraging notes to our SEE recipients



Coming Events:

Fine Arts Retreat	November 13, 2021 Emmanuel UMC Noblesville
Gamma Lambda	November 20, 2021 10:00 AM Eckhart Public Library Auburn, IN
Gamma Lambda	April 16, 2022 10:00 AM TBD



Dortha G. King, age 97, of Auburn, Indiana, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2021 at Smith Farms Manor in Auburn. Mrs. King was born on Aug. 14, 1923, in DeKalb County, Indiana, to Philip and Olga (Blech) Martz. She graduated from Ashley High School and then went on to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Manchester College. She married Tilson L. King on April 21, 1946 in Fairfield Center, DeKalb County. He preceded her in death on Feb. 21, 2018. Mrs. King had a 40-year career in education as a schoolteacher. Dortha taught school overseas in Japan, the Philippines and Spain while Tilson served as an administrator in Overseas Dependent Schools from 1957 until 1965. She also taught in Ashley, Shipshewana, Bippus, DeKalb Central and Garrett School Systems, retiring in 1986.

She was an avid sewer, knitter, quilter, and she liked basket weaving. She also enjoyed playing golf and loved to travel.

Dortha was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn, 4-H Club, Delta Kappa Gamma, ACD Women's organization and American Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

Survivors include her sons and daughters-in-law, Philip and Jean King, of Waterloo and Steven and Sue King, of LaPorte, Indiana; daughters and son-in-law, Beverly and Ben Ellert, of Auburn and Janet Phillips and Ernie Davis, of Indianapolis, Indiana; eight grandchildren, Scott Newman, Patrick Newman, Jennifer Bhagwanjee, Ryan Barnhart, Matthew King, Adam King, Brooke Phillips and Bailey Phillips; and many great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Tilson King; two brothers, Edgar Martz and Donald Martz; and sister, Phyllis Schuller.