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HAPPY HOLIDAYS DELTA KAPPA GAMMA MEMBERS

Christmas Memories and Favorite Stories

Karen Patton:

One thing that I always enjoyed about Christmas is the cooking of dishes that we only served during the holidays. My father was German and Irish and my mother Scottish and French Canadian. We always had German Stollen on Christmas morning as well as English Pork Pie. My mother made a French Canadian pate called Greton. It was made with ground pork, onion, cinnamon, clove, allspice, and ground finely to make a pate which was spread on crackers. In addition to that we made Christmas cookies (Spritz) and candies, especially English toffee. The tastes and aromas always help to bring back great memories of cooking and eating together as a family.

Ann Skomp:

Spiced Fruit

Pears, peaches, apricots (halves) 29 oz each

½ c. frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed

2T melted butter

½ t cinnamon

¼ cloves

¼ t nutmeg

¼ c. brown sugar

English walnuts, raisins (optional)

Drain fruit well, arrange in greased baking dish. Sprinkle English walnuts and raisins (desired amounts) over fruit.

Pour orange juice and butter over top.

Sprinkle with brown sugar and spices which have been mixed together. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

This has been a favorite Thanksgiving side dish in our family.



Alyssa Powell:

As you know, I am only in my second semester of teaching Family and Consumer Sciences. I am learning a lot about planning and preparing food labs. Recently my FACS students made chocolate chip cookies. We spent two days preparing. We spend a lot of time reading the recipe, writing out the ingredients and instructions, collecting all the equipment we would need and measuring the ingredients.

On the day of the lab, seven of my eight classes were successful in making and baking cookies they were able to eat. I was feeling pretty good about the success of the labs until one of the lab groups pulled their cookies out of the oven... they assured me emphatically that they followed the directions exactly. One student even suggested the ingredients had gone bad. I am so thankful I was wearing a mask so they couldn't see my reaction. Every time I look at the picture it makes me laugh!

Jolinda Brunton:

Humor: I was subbing and a kindergartner asked why I wrote on my face with a pencil. Little ones notice wrinkles too!

Amie Cox:

My fond memory of winter:

I grew up in Carmel diagonally across the street from my grandparents. When we would get a large snowfall, if we were lucky, we were granted a snow day which back then, in the 1970's, we did not have to make up. I remember on one occasion, my mother dressed us in our warmest clothes, packed us into the care with our sleds and drove us to Butler University. It is gone now, but there used to be the largest hill there and it attracted quite a few sledders. We would sled for several hours until we couldn't feel our toes anymore. Then my mother would pack us back into the car and we would go home and have hot chocolate.

Susie Larson:

One of my favorite memories of Christmas was that we never got to see the Christmas tree until Christmas Eve. The living room door was locked all day on Christmas Eve Day and we all just knew Santa was in there decorating the tree and leaving our gifts. Grandma always came to our house for holidays. So around supper time us kids and Dad went to get Grandma and drive around our small town to see the decoration. As we drove into our driveway, we could see the lights on the Christmas Tree. We jumped out of the car and into the house we ran. Mom always said we just missed Santa. What a fun time!

Dianne Lowe:

This makes me laugh to this day. A memory...

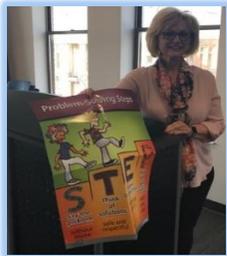
For school morale, we would have special days like pajama day, inside out day and so forth. One day NOT a school morale day a student innocently asked my friend the art teacher "Is it crazy hair day today?"

Cindy McDonald:

One funny story I have about school is when I was teaching at the school for the deaf and I had a very Hard of hearing student who stood in front of my desk who said, with hand over face, “Oh, I’m sorry,” (This was the same child who hid my keys and went back to the dorm, making me look until 7:30 at night for my keys, until I finally went to the dorm and asked the children in my class if and where they had seen my keys, only to discover she was the culprit.) I asked why she was sorry and she asked if I had not heard. She proceeded to explain that she had just farted, and hadn’t I heard it? That was then when the teacher-me took over and told her that we don’t normally call attention to our noises, and often, just “let it pass”. With a giggle she understood my pun and skipped away.

IOTA CHAPTER UPDATES

SEPTEMBER IOTA MEETING:



The IOTA September meeting program was presented by Pat Moser. Pat is the SEL Social Emotional Learning chair for Montgomery County. Pat is the director of The Second Steps program that serves preschool through 8th grade students. Two new members Amy Carrington and Alyssa Powell were initiated. Vice President Lynn Robison moved a motion to send DKG International \$50 for the Emergency Fund. Motion carried. President Steiner recognized IOTA for receiving the STATE Newsletter 5 Star Award. Program committee for September was Donna Coats, Chr, Dixie Ruggles, Karen Selby, Janene Plunkett, and Sandy Lewien.

OCTOBER IOTA MEETING:

Scholarship Report: Karen Patton, member of the scholarship fund reported on the grants to DKG members from the Helen Hayes Allhands Trust. Helen was a long time elementary teacher from Montgomery County and was a Charter member of DKG.

Maggie Bryant, Mary Lou Dawald, gave a visual presentation on how the money was used for educational purposes. Cindy McDonald and Jodi Webster sent a report.



Emily Race, DKG Member was the speaker for the Oct. 12 meeting. Emily presented a fascinating program on Hexagonal Thinking.



DKG members Participated in a Hexagonal Thinking activity!



Brenda Lovold, Oct. committee member provided seasonal refreshments. Committee members: Emily Race & Kelli Bowling.

Meeting chair and committee members for upcoming IOTA meetings include:

January 2022 Chair: Dixie Ruggles and Nancy Buckles, nominating committee contacts

March 8, 2022: Chair: Pat Moser, committee Cindy Bannon, Tami Haas, and Sandy Newton

April 12, 2022: Chair: Erin Yeager, committee Jodi Webser, Holly Hook and Amanda Boyd

June 14, 2022: Chair: Lynn Robison, committee Marsha Davidson, Carolyn Tunin, Judy McFerran and Linda Hurt.

News from Stephanie Walsh, DKG State President:

- The Indiana State DKG conference will be held at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds, April 23.
- Members can nominate a member for the “Women of Distinction” recognition.
- International Scholarship applications are due by February 1, 2022.

Members working on a Masters or Doctoral Degree, can apply for an International Scholarship.

- The newly elected president of IOTA Chapter will have a CCOT training meeting June 8.
- **THE STATE DKG IS SELLING DKG T-SHIRTS. For more information: CONTACT ME!**
 - Short sleeve, long sleeve, crewneck sweatshirts and hooded sweatshirts - red and black
 - Prices range from \$12-\$22,
 - Order by January 15
 - Shirts will have the logo across the chest and the word Indiana under the logo in same font

Highlights from the December issue of the Hoosier Newsette, Marti Daley editor

- Our new members, Amy Carrington and Alyssa Powell were listed in the December issue.
- The GOLDEN Key Requirements have been updated.
- Increasing membership goals
- Women of Distinction nomination form
- Required DKG records from each chapter
- Registration form for STATE conference

DKG Member Spotlight: **LYNN ROBISON**



DKG Position: Vice President, former President
Birthday: April 27, 1945
Favorite color: Blue
Favorite book: Bible
Interests and hobbies: Music/singing
Most proud of: My daughter and her family
One Wish: that people would have greater respect for each other
Describe your personality in two words: I strive to be kind and helpful
Family: daughter Gail, son-in-law Roberto. Grandchildren Gaby, Laura and Tito

DKG Member Spotlight: **PAM CRULL**



DKG Position: Finance committee chairperson.
Birthday: February 4, 1945
Favorite color(s) burgundy and blue
Favorite book: Choking in Fear
Interests/hobbies: walking, computer games, reading
Most proud of: the accomplishments of my kids
One wish: to remain healthy
Personality in two words: positive, energetic
Family: son, daughter, daughter- in-law, 2 grandchildren and 4 step grandchildren

DKG Member Spotlight: **MARGIE STATEN**



Birthday: December 16
Favorite book: Bible and Gone with the Wind
Interests: Volleyball, flowers, gardening
Most proud of: 40 years of teaching
One Wish: that the covid-19 threat was over and we could travel again.
Most proud of: 40 years of teaching.
Personality: quiet and determined
Family: Husband, William Staten

DKG Member Spotlight: **KAREN PATTON**



Birthday: February 3, 1949
Favorite color: blue/green
Favorite book: The Soul of America by Jon Meehan
Interests/hobbies: art and music
Most proud of : family
One wish: health and inner peace
Describe your personality in two words: bossy, (leadership skills)
Family: husband Michael, children, Michael, Kristen, and two grandchildren

Spirit Lifting

By Susanna Foth Aughtmon
Daily Guidepost (Dec/Jan 2021-2022)

“During the Christmas season, I hang a marquee sign across our carport that lights up the word **PEACE**. This year when I turned it on, it read **ACE**. I have another sign next to our fireplace that reads **JOY**, but the “J” was out, leaving us with only **OY!** So I decided to buy some new lighting that spelled out **HOPE**. The letters arrived yesterday. No “H”. Just **OPE**.”

What a reflection on life! Searching for complete peace, joy, and hope. With Jesus we can have true **OY**, a powerful sense of **OPE** and calming blanket of **ACE** this Christmas Season. (edited)



*Wishing you a very Merry Christmas
filled with ACE. OY and OPE!*