



# Alpha Omega's Delta Data

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## President Barb's Election Insights

Tuesday, May 3, provided me with an experience I never expected to have. After some encouragement from friends such as Carol Borowski, I committed to work the polls during the Indiana primary. The verdict is still out--will I do it again in November--who knows?

I was somewhat disappointed in the procedures--not nearly as exacting and precise as I would have hoped, but we all got through it. The highlight of the day was working with a young lady--a teenager from CPHS--who took her job very seriously. She was capable and cheerfully willing to do whatever was necessary to get our precinct's voters through their task.

Another high point was seeing many former students, friends and acquaintances who were there to do their civic duty. It was apparent that today's populace is somewhat lacking in knowledge of the entire election process. The current issues and candidates are also perplexing. Perhaps civics is a class that needs to be required again in our high schools.

At this point I see voting as one way to Support Early Educators. If we do not elect candidates who will bring our educational system back to where it needs to be (allowing teachers to have more control over teaching and testing), we will continue to lose these early educators.

DKG supports civic responsibility and involvement. In spite of all the heated political rhetoric we have been bombarded with, please do not be dissuaded from voting in November. Obviously, we need leadership at all levels of government that will do the best for all citizens. We all deserve to live in a country that will continue to be a compassionate global leader!

**Specific information about the May 26 meeting is on pages 2 of this newsletter.**

## Council Meeting Notes



by Paula Barancyk

In March our chapter met with other Council 1 chapters at the annual brunch meeting at Innsbrook Country Club in Merrillville.

After Shirley Hewlett of Sigma Chapter called the meeting to order, Barb gave the opening thought, reminiscing on her childhood and the Eleanor Roosevelt columns published in the *Saturday Evening Post*. Next, "The Blessing Song" was sung under the direction of Anna Padberg of Rho Chapter.

Speaker Candice Grant, director of Summer Programs at Beloit College and a doctoral candidate in Education Policy Studies at IU with a focus on Africa, shared her experiences with us regarding her work with African schools in the countries of Senegal and Kenya. Her program made us all aware of how our educational rights are taken for granted in our country and how important a good educational system is needed for survival in both developing and developed countries.

State President, Jo Ann Manes, and Executive Secretary, Carol Herzog, reminded everyone of the upcoming state conference on April 23 in Terre Haute, IN as well as the International Convention in Nashville, TN in July.

The meeting was adjourned with singing of several songs.

Our chapter officers were elected through email or snail mail ballots.

## May 26 Meeting Information

Remember that the **May meeting** was changed to **Thurs., May 26 at 6 p.m.** at **Innsbrook Country Club**. "We made this meeting a tad later so the working ladies have time to get there," informed Pres. Barb Gillan.

**Please inform Barb by May 18 if you are coming.**

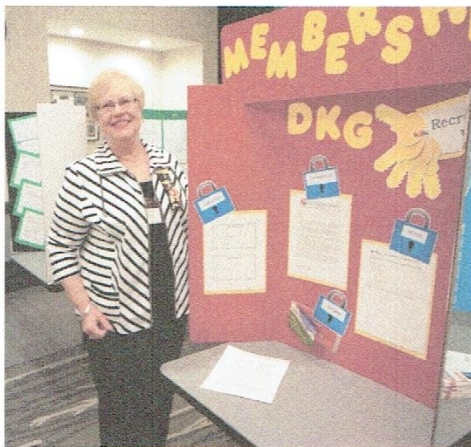
The change was voted on through emails because Elaine Shumway was not able to make our first date choice. We enjoyed Elaine's presentation last year so much that the vote was to accommodate this change.

This year Elaine's presentation will be on The Patagonia. "I love meeting people. I travel by myself a lot," she informed us last year.

Patagonia is located at the southern tip of South America and is shared by Argentina and Chile. It contains the southern section of the Andes mountains, deserts, steppes and grasslands on the east side of the Andes. Interestingly, it has 2 coasts: western is the Pacific Ocean and east is the Atlantic Ocean.

Since the current officers have agreed to continue in office, there will not be an installation ceremony.

Two special guests will be: our state liaison, Shirley Hewlett, and our state president, Jo Ann Manes.



Evelyn Campbell at Membership Poster at the State Conference in Terre Haute.

## Alpha Omega Is Working toward Gold Key Award

by Evelyn Campbell

The Golden Key Award is the highest honor a chapter can earn in the state of Indiana. It is awarded to DKG chapters that have completed recommended training, completed programs, and submitted required reports in a timely manner.

Attendance at CCOT (Committee Chairman and Officer Training) is a requirement for five of the six workshops including: the president, secretary, treasurer/finance chairman, membership chairman, educational excellence/program chairman, and communications chairman.

The president of the chapter cannot complete this job alone. She must have the support of her officers and committee chairmen for the chapter to qualify for this award.

Plan to attend CCOT sessions to help Alpha Omega to accomplish this distinction if you hold a chapter leadership position!

CCOT sessions for the next biennium will be held on Sat., June 18 in Lafayette from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This will be at First Assembly Church of God at 108 Beck Lane. The second is Thur., June 23 at Sherwood Oaks Christian Church, 2700 E. Rogers Rd, Bloomington, IN

The cost is \$30 for each person and includes breakfast and lunch. There will be 7 sessions offered with 5 sessions required for the Gold Key Award.

**Registration is due by June 1, 2016** and can be done on the state website: [deltakappagamma.org/IN](http://deltakappagamma.org/IN) Please remember that you may send a substitute if you can't attend. Barb is attending Lafayette and would be happy to drive. She can take 3-4.

**Call Barb to tell if you are or are not attending ASAP!**



Our President, Barb Gillan, sold DKG bracelets at the state conference in April.

## Reading Suggestions

For your summer reading, Carol Bangsberg offers these suggestions:

### **Lunch in Paris** by Elizabeth Bard 2010 NF

Memoir with recipes. Author is an American journalist who was studying in London and went to a conference in Paris where she met her future French husband. For 2 yrs. she spends many weekend visits in Paris, eventually moving in to his tiny apartment. She writes about her experiences living as an American in France -- going daily to the market, cooking from scratch, eating out, the difficulties in trying to make friends. Her husband works in digital cinema in Europe, and she writes for newspapers and magazines, gives tours at the Louvre and eventually writes this book.

**Picnic in Provence** by Elizabeth Bard 2015 NF  
Memoir with recipes. Story continues 5 yrs. after **Lunch in Paris**. On a trip to a small town in Provence for a weekend holiday, the author and her husband start to think about moving there and opening an ice cream shop. Anecdotes are about moving from Paris, getting contracts with local farmers to have organic ingredients for the ice creams and candies. By this time, the baby is in their lives, has a nanny, then attends pre-school, and then regular school at age 3. Parents are allowed minimal input at school. (Very readable and interesting with all the cultural differences.)

### **Gee Season** by Myla Goldberg, 2000

Eliza Naumann (5th grade) has been in a slow class until it is discovered that she can spell. Her father Saul spends hours and hours studying with her. Her mother has been living a 20 yr. secret and her brother decides to study Indian worship and quits his lessons in Judaism. Eliza thinks she knows how to fix her broken family. (Surprise!)

### **The Lovers** by Rod Nordland 2016 NF

True story of Afghanistan's Romeo and Juliet written by award-winning New York Times journalist with 30 yrs experience as foreign correspondent in 150 countries and 3 yrs. as bureau chief in Kabul. He gets donations to help Zakia and Ali as they spend months hiding in caves and small rooms with sympathizers all the while struggling to get passports and escape. They deal with corrupt public officials and are relentlessly pursued by her family who are intent on killing her. They are still in hiding with their little daughter Rukia.

Over 10 yrs. the U.s. has spent 1 billion dollars on efforts to train and improve the Afghan judiciary system, and yet women still suffer some of the worst violations of human rights in the world. (Compelling story)

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## Be Sure to Do:

1. Read the May/June 2016 DKG News with all its information not only about the upcoming July Convention in Nashville, TN, but also about what the Society Headquarters membership services department can do for you and does for others. Many other topics are covered. Please read it!
2. From that, I am asking chapter members to enunciate what the Society means to them now or in the past and send to me ([carolborowski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carolborowski@sbcglobal.net) or 219-663-7414) by August 16 for use in this newsletter. In addition, some may want to write about something/activity our chapter did in the past. You could include any history of our Alpha Omega Chapter in your submission.
3. **Call Barb** (219-736-8940 or cell 219-742-8426) and inform her that you are coming to the **meeting on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 6 p.m. at Innsbrook Country Club.**
4. If you are an officer or me and Carol (communications), sign up now for CCOT Training by going to the Indiana website: [www.deltakappagamma.org/IN](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/IN), read the information about the training, printout a registration sheet or do registration by email. Barb will ask the chapter at the May meeting for some financial support for this. Must be sent in or emailed **by June 1, 2016.**
5. **Then, call Barb** to tell her you have registered and who will drive to the session you have selected.
6. Wear your DKG pin to the meeting. Bring a book to donate to sale for scholarship fund.
7. Buy your DKG bracelet for \$10.00 or wear the one you purchased often! You will meet other DKG members that way.
8. Read a book, then write a review and send to me for the newsletter; write about your summer or other events in your life to share in the newsletter.



Holding the general meeting at conference.

### *Borowski's Closing Thought:*

From Carol Borowski's Alpha Sigma Alpha Women of Poise and Purpose: Nancy Szalwinski, now a USA Foreign Service Officer, "I have learned that the relationships we establish and nurture are the keys to our success. Whether it is sister to sister or nation to nation, it is one person reaching out to understand another."