



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Saturday, September 13, 2016

Jay County Public Library 5:00 P.M. Bring Finger Food, 315 N. Ship St. Portland IN **Don't forget your IPADS, tablets, smart phones so we can look at the DKG website together.**
Hostesses: *Margaret Bunsold, Rita Repogle, Bev Oliver, Kathy Nelson.

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Highlights of June Meeting

On June 8 thirteen Delta Kappa Gamma members and one guest Julie Nelson met at the Art Hub in Union City. Our host for the day Ann Meiring provided muffins, fruit, coffee, and juice. Then she introduced us to this 15-month old business which has received much support

from Mayor Brian Conklin. The Art Hub is housed in an old building owned by the city and for which they provide utilities. With the help of Frank Miller Lumber, Rick Root, and Greg Hufford shelving



was erected. On display are items made by local artisans. Alpaca socks are always a favorite item which many workers wear due to warmth and comfort. Robin Baird sends to east coast for processing and this is returned in the form of yarn or products. There are four jewelry makers, three potters, local honey, granola by Todd Keys, Indiana popcorn, jellies and jams, soaps, circular wool socks by Shawnda Barnes, wood block by Scott Longnecker, and Bolga baskets. The latter are made by men from a village in northern Ghana in Africa and several of our members made a purchase of those baskets on the spot. The intent of this endeavor at the Art Hub is to support local artists which is why 95% of the profits go back



directly to the artists. If anyone is interested in showcasing their crafts, they may call 765-964-0005 and someone on the board will review items for possible submission. The Art Hub is open Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 11-5 pm; and Sunday 1-5 pm. It is staffed by volunteers. Ann Meiring pointed out other interesting shops in the block such as Barb Landis Gentry's 209 and the authentic Mexican restaurant/grocery directly across the street.



Secretary's Report

Kathy Nelson's minutes were approved after a minor correction of theater ticket drawing date changed from June 13 to May 13.

Treasurer's Report

Peggy Moore reported DKG has a balance of \$1764.46. Also scholarship winners Linda Lowe and Brooke Bissel have their checks.

Unfinished Business

Teacher Appreciation Project – Chairperson Ann Barnell reported that all buckets and tickets were delivered with the help of our members. After receiving pictures of winners, Ann submitted an article to the News Gazette. Although it was a nice article, only one picture was published. It was suggested that Ann resubmit the article to the Muncie Star. Ann read the names of all the winners of the theater tickets. This give-away of theater tickets and free drink passes from Everett's was well received especially when teachers realized this drawing was taking place in all schools in Jay and Randolph counties. Teachers really noticed this project as it was so different from anything they usually receive and the smiles in all the pictures were evidence of their appreciation. The discussion followed of how to improve this project in the future. First, we should seek to include the theater in Portland. Second, we need to make sure we are consistent in our procedure such as what to do if there is more than one school in a building. Third, we decided to include all teaching staff (aides as well) in the drawing. Peggy Moore asked if we should budget for this project. Ingrid Saxman moved that we budget \$250

toward the Teacher Appreciation project and motion passed. Nancy Brumfield mentioned several people at the News Gazette who are always looking for human interest stories such as Beth Moland and Cindy.

New Business

Books Alive – Linda Frantz received 5 books.

Grant-in-Aid and Mary Lou Fulk scholarships – It was noted that winners Linda Lowe and Brooke Bissel must be presented checks publicly at our meeting so we hope they can be present in September.

Lori Clevenger announced she will not be able to take presidency as planned due to the fact that she will be youth minister at Compass. Lori alerted the nomination committee who will work on filling this position.

DKG members plan to march in the 4th of July parade in Portland which forms at 11am. Kerry Hinkle sent an email to all members to see if they could participate. We need a minimum of 10 members for this to be possible. Joy Rolle or Margaret Bunsold have the posters. Last time we marched, members provided their own candy. It would be nice to have a calendar of all local parades in the area.

Our next meeting is September 13 at 5 pm at the Jay County Public Library in Portland. Bring your tablets, IPads, smart phones, etc. so we can review the DKG website with you. The meeting adjourned at 10:15.



More About Our Members

Ann Barnell – Our family, grandchildren included, recently had a mini vacation in French Lick, Indiana. Other than spending time with family, my favorite part of the trip was that my husband Mel and son Jared did all the planning...FUN!

Connie Roberts – On June 11, our daughters Kim, Lexie, and Kristen hosted a joint birthday party for a milestone birthday celebrated by Joel and I. All 10 grandchildren were there which was a scheduling feat in and of itself. We spent a lovely evening enjoying family, wine, and a delicious catered meal complete with a separate children's menu. It was truly a lovely evening.

Books You Might Enjoy

The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommended by Katarina Bivald – A heartwarming reminder of why we are booklovers. This is a sweet, smart story about how books find us, change us, and connect us.

The Moonflower Vine by Jetta Carleton – A timeless American classic rediscovered and an unforgettable saga of a heartland family.

Moon Over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool – This is the author's premier novel published in 2010 and won the Newberry Medal. The story is set in the fictional town of Manifest, Kansas which is based on the real southeastern Kansas town of Frontenac which was home to her maternal grandparents. Drawing from stories she heard as a child and along with research in town newspapers, yearbooks, and graveyards, Clare found a rich and colorful history for her story.

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