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

A Note from Our President, Rita Fish

- ◆ **From our amazing SAP/Membership Chair, Lucy Wieland, we have great news. Five prospective members, Chelsey Meluch, Marcia Murtagh, Michael Fisher, Ginger Bodnarick, and Marilyn Brackney met February 18 with their sponsors, Malinda Mann, Rita Fish, and me (Lucy) with Eleanor Hauser and Sandy Rissler for an orientation to our society. Cheryl was unable to come at the last minute. All of the prospective members accepted an invitation to get an official invitation for membership. Lucy will be sending them the invitation. Yay, new members!!! We have a couple of others who may be interested and will orient them at a later date.**

- ◆ **Lucy also shares the following. Since our March meeting deals with poverty you may want to put the date of April 8 on your calendar. That is the day Ruby Payne, an educator who wrote the book Bridges Out of Poverty, will speak in Greencastle (time and place TBD) You won't want to miss this.**
- ◆ **DKG members will be lobbying on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 10 a.m. on the 2nd floor of the ISTA Center, 150 W. Market Street, Indianapolis. Lobby Days of Action begin with a briefing, followed by a question and answer session. Attendees will then walk across the street to meet their legislators to tell their stories and address current legislation. Lunch will be provided for all attendees and their legislators at noon back at the ISTA center. DKG members will be joined by ISTA-Retired as special participants on this day. Epsilon chapter member, Kim Fidler will be there and we know she will be pushing for responsible solutions to strengthen public education.**
- ◆ **Plan now to attend Alpha Epsilon State Conference April 23, 2016. It will be hosted by Council 10 and held at the Sycamore Banquet Center in Terre Haute. The conference registration form can be found on the Alpha Epsilon State (Indiana) website. deltakappagamma.org Session information will be in the March issue of the state newsletter. There will be 8 break out sessions plus the Janet O'Neal Seminar. I have already sent in my registration and I know Mariette plans to attend. We would love for you to go too.**
- ◆ **The four year term of the state executive secretary ends on June 30, 2016. The Nominations and Personnel Committee has a cover letter listing the duties and an application for the position. The deadline for application submission is April 6th. At the General Session on the 2016 State Conference on April 23 the Executive Board (all chapter presidents and past state presidents) will vote on the committee's recommendation.**

- ◆ **Hostess Chair, Cheryl Steuerwald is getting the word out early regarding our Founder's Day Brunch. The date is May 7, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at Almost Home in Greencastle, IN. Please send your \$15.00 reservation to Eleanor Hauser prior to April 2.**

STATE DATES



TO REMEMBER

Feb. 23 Alpha Epsilon State Legislative Day, Indianapolis

March 25 Deadline \$35 Registration for 2016 State Conference

March 26-April 11 \$40 Registration for 2016 State Conference

April 11 Final Deadline for 2016 State Conference Registration

April 23 2016 State Conference, Terre Haute

June 18 CCOT-North, Lafayette

June 23 CCOT-South, Bloomington

Sept. 10 Executive Board Meeting, Noblesville



Mark Your Calendar

- ◆ **March 3, 2016 Epsilon Chapter will meet at 4:30 p.m. at Cloverdale Elementary. The program “Transformers” will be given by Mariette Bargaen. Mariette will share information about this exciting program taking place in Putnam county. The business meeting will include voting on Grant-in-Aid recipients, Election of Officers, and Reading Improvement. Hostesses are *Nancy Landes, Jane Irwin, Betty McGill and Peggy Girton.**
- ◆ **May 7, 2016 Epsilon Chapter will meet at 9:30 a.m. at Almost Home for our Founders Day Program presented by the Ceremonies Committee. Grant-in-Aid will be presented to the recipients. Donations will be collected for Schools for Africa. Installation of officers. Hostesses are *Cheryl Steuerwald, Ellen Dittmer and Judy Rayburn.**
- ◆ **September 1, 2016 Epsilon Chapter will meet at 4:30 p.m. at the Putnam County Museum. The program “Barns” will be lead by Malinda Mann. The business meeting will include dues, program books and membership. Hostesses are *Rita Fish, Mariette Bargaen and Marie Moore.**



NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

- ◆ Cheryl Steuerwald's planned trip to Rancho Cucamonga, CA to visit her friend, Wanda, had to be canceled because of Wanda's husband's health.
- ◆ Cheryl has planned a trip for the DAR to visit President Harrison's home with lunch at the Elbow Room.
- ◆ Cheryl and husband are taking their son, and his girlfriend to watch the Dance Theatre of Harlem perform.
- ◆ Friday the 26th of February, I will be flying to Dallas to visit my daughter Robin and her family. I will return the Wednesday before our March 3rd meeting at Cloverdale Elementary. I look forward to seeing each of you then.
- ◆ Judy Rayburn and Jane Irwin as well as several other Epsilon members are members of P.E.O., a philanthropic educational organization. Monies are awarded on merit for Star High School seniors for college scholarships, Graduate/Doctoral students, grants for women who had interrupted education for training or

college loans at 2% simple interest for women in undergraduate programs, PEACE scholarships for women to study in the U.S. and Canada. The organization owns and operates a 4 year college, Cottey College.

- ◆ Judy also, works as a volunteer with Oasis Adult programs. Our members come to exercise, computer, arts, music, history, health...classes, go on several day trips, and attend university lecture series, theatre, concerts etc., in Indianapolis. They have classes in museums and historic sites. Judy communicates with instructors and get ready for the classes. Judy's site is Oasis West located in the community building of Flanner and Buchanan, High School Rd., Indianapolis. Her tutoring in literacy with elementary students is part of the Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring. Oasis is a national organization with headquarters in St. Louis, MO.



- ◆ **Delta Kappa Gamma, Epsilon Chapter**
February 2016 Minutes

Delta Kappa Gamma, Epsilon Chapter met on Thursday, February 4 at 4:30 pm at First National Bank of Cloverdale in Greencastle. President Rita Fish opened the meeting with 11 members present. Rita thanked our hostesses: Lucy Wieland, Sandy Rissler, and Annette Maier.

The minutes were approved as read.

Eleanor reported a balance of \$5, 359.20 in the general fund and \$643.84 in the Grant-in-Aid Fund.

Rita passed a stack of pictures for us to look at and write the names of people we identified in the pictures on the back. These will be added to the archives at the Putnam County Library.

Rita asked members to share reason for and/or experience of becoming a Delta Kappa Gamma member. Many said they joined because a colleague that they admired was a member.

Ellen Dittmer volunteered to help Karen Swalley with the Ceremonies program for the May meeting.

Kim Fidler passed out a copy of some of the bills being discussed in the State house. She explained the proposed bills and how they helped or hurt education. She also discussed the ISTA website and how it is a helpful place to look at the proposed education bills and what action has been taken.

Lucy and Rita read the names of prospective members: Marcia Murtaugh, Michael Fisher, Marilyn Brackney, Beva Miller, Angie Ranard, Kelly Monnett, and Ginger Bodnarick. Malinda's prospective member is Chelsey Mann Meluch. A motion was moved by Lucy and seconded by Janis, then passed, that we invite all the prospects to an orientation meeting to consider membership in Delta Kappa Gamma. Lucy will send invitations after she checks to see when the Library is available for the meeting.

Sandy had Grant-in-Aid forms for us. A junior or senior education major may apply. She would like to have these by February 28.

Malinda sorted and divided up all the school supplies we collected. She had the items in bags with a letter to each of the past Grant-in-Aid recipients. Members volunteered to help distribute the bags. This was a great effort to locate and contact the past winners. We appreciate all the work Malinda put into this.

Our book share program started with members sharing a short summary of a recent book they had read. Lucy shared Some Luck by Jane Smiley; Janis shared a Ben Carson, Gifted Hand; Kim shared that her favorite book is The Boy in the Striped Pajamas; and Malinda shared that she had not been reading books, but was coloring books. She then showed many adult coloring books. The program was enjoyed by all.

The book sale took place and will continue at the March meeting.

The next meeting is March 3, 2016 at Cloverdale Elementary School. Marietta Bargaen has the program, "Transformers" with hostesses Nancy Landes, Jane Irwin, Betty McGill, and Peggy Girton.

Meeting was closed.

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Betty McGill, Recording Secretary

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