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See what you missed in Terre Haute?

Important Dates
Chapter Committee and Officers Training (CCOT) North:
Saturday, June 18, 2016
Lafayette
South:
Thursday, June 23, 2016
Bloomington

2016 DKG International Convention
Nashville, TN
July 5–9, 2016

Executive Board Meeting
Noblesville, IN
Sept. 10, 2016

Scenes from the 2016 State conference

Above: Lynn Hurlbut and Ellen Bernstein, Alpha Chi, share their SEE project progress.

Left: Guest speaker Mike Lunsford, shown with his wife, offered copies of his many books.

Below: Beta Tau member Deb Carrell shared some of the many books trending for preschool and elementary children.
Spring! Well, the weather has not always been spring-like. Hopefully, by the time you have received this issue in June, there will be more sunny, warm days.

You can say that on April 23 it was warm and sunny because of the fellowship and activities generated among the members who attended the State Conference in Terre Haute. There were many positive comments about the interesting sessions and the guest speaker, Mike Lunsford.

Thanks to our state finance chairman, Marcia Alexander, and the finance committee who worked so diligently, we were able to accept the 2016-2017 State Budget. Thanks to Leslie Hamman, state treasurer, for developing the budget with categories. It is much easier to read and understand.

Council 10 Planning Committee members are to be commended on a job well done, and given a big thank you for all their efforts in making the 2016 State Conference a success. Thank you to co-chairmen, Sarabeth Marcinko and Sarah Sykes for leading the planning committee.

I am also pleased to announce that Carol Herzog was selected to be our state executive secretary for the next four years. Besides her many activities at the state and chapter level, she has attended the Leadership Seminar in Austin, Texas and was a member of the 2008-2010 International Constitution Committee. If elected at the 2016 International Convention in Nashville, she will become a member of the 2016-2020 International Nominations Committee. Thank you, Carol, for your service, past, present and future.

All the people mentioned above have made an impression upon someone. Everyone has benefited, whether great or small, from the work of those mentioned. Those who were unable to attend the conference still are making impressions upon their chapter membership.

Remember each of you is a vital part of your chapter. Each member needs to take part in the activities of the chapter. As your new officers are developing the plan for the next year, please consider how you can participate, however much time you are able to give.

It is hoped that all will take the time to relax and rejuvenate during the summer. Enjoy your time with friends and family.

Planning to go to the 2016 International Convention in Nashville? Be sure to let Jo Ann know so we can all get together for a meal sometime during the week!
Chapters Need a Project

by Jo Jones, Mu, EEC Chairman

While I was watching the television the other night, I saw a commercial about HEIFER.org. I first heard about this organization at a DKG conference several years ago. The commercial reminded me that there are many organizations that help our young defeat poverty or illness or encourage education to help the world’s youth make a better world and better life for themselves. At the state conference, one breakout session was C.R.A.D.L.E.S., which dealt with a community project in Clay County. Even though we should support International’s projects (Schools for Africa and Supporting Early Educators) at some level, on the grander scale we need to choose a project to support that has more meaning for our individual chapters.

As planning for the meetings for the chapter’s new biennium begins, the chapter’s EEC should think of programs to help raise awareness of needs in the community, state, nation, or world. The chapter should take on a project that supports the program. Chapters can partner with other organizations in the area in order to put an even larger focus on the project. You can come up with a project unique to your community—it doesn’t need to be a national organization, such as HEIFER. Chapters shouldn’t be shy: Let the community know what you are doing. Make your name synonymous with the project. When you get media coverage, it not only helps the project, but it also helps bring DKG to the forefront.

The EEC will have a session at CCOT. Bring ideas to share with other chapters. (Some of your chapters call the representative for EEC the program chairman or first vice president.)

It is time to pick your passion.

Membership In Delta Kappa Gamma

Evelyn Campbell, Alpha Omega, 2nd Vice President/Membership Chair

Has your chapter tried the new Membership/Recruitment Plan yet? This plan has been used to revitalize struggling chapters and to energize healthy chapters. All necessary materials and instructions are available on the DKG website Membership Committee page. Check it out! Here is how the plan works.

First, each member is requested to submit the name of a prospective member on a Prospect Card. These names are then compiled in a list and presented to the membership for a vote.

Then, each prospective member is informed by a Prospect Letter that she has been recommended by a current member and approved by the chapter for membership in our Society. This letter includes an invitation to an orientation meeting.

Next, chapters are encouraged to present the Pride in the Big Picture slide show (available for download at www.dkg.org) at an orientation. After a question and answer session with current members, prospective members are asked to make a decision to accept or decline membership. The current (sponsor) member can then help to fill out the Chapter Membership Application to obtain information about the new member and to serve as a commitment for the prospective member.

Lastly, the prospective member is invited to the initiation ceremony with the Initiation Letter.

Many chapters have used this plan with great success. Let it work for yours!
Treasury Notes

Leslie Hamman, Gamma Lambda, State Treasurer

Treasurers (and Finance Chairs), I look forward to seeing you at CCOT on June 18th or June 23rd! I will review the treasurer forms and resources found on the DKG website as well as answer questions to help make your job easier.

The 2015–16 fiscal year ends June 30th!

Form 15 needs to be completed and emailed/sent to me by July 15th so I can complete Indiana’s report for International.

*** The IRS 990–N epostcard can be completed at the same time with the confirmation email forwarded to me.

More from 2016 State Conference • Terre Haute

Leslie Hamman led a workshop in Terre Haute in which participants created their own greeting cards using rubber stamps and markers, among other things.
Strategically Speaking...

Faye Peter, Beta Epsilon, Strategic Action Planning Chair

The Strategic Action Planning Committee has enjoyed hearing from so many chapters sharing their progress in the development of SAP plans and how they are monitoring that progress. It is amazing to see how our tree has changed from the September Executive Meeting to the Alpha Epsilon Conference in April. It will appear at future events as well, so be sure to send us your updates!

Remember you can always visit the state website for tips on creating your plans and to see the Strategic Action Plans from other chapters. We, the committee, are just a phone call away if you have questions or concerns.

Kappa Stars

Celeste Johnson (above left) was named Teacher of the Year for Richmond Community Schools for 2015–16. Phyllis Eloff (above right) was named Friend of Education for Richmond Community Schools for 2015–16. Both are Kappa members!

Alpha Epsilon State Mini-Grant recipient, Deb Carrell, Beta Tau was awarded $500 to enrich her STEM instruction; shown with Marjorie Miller, Gamma Mu, scholarship chair.

Alpha Epsilon State Scholarship Recipients (below, with Scholarship Chair Marjorie Miller, Gamma Mu)

Janel Bonomo, Beta Eta
Greenleaf Scholarship, $2500

Janet Brosmer, Beta Eta
Holland Scholarship, $1000

Dee Budd, Mu
Biddle/Conover Scholarship, $1000
Golden Key

Evelyn Campbell, Alpha Omega, 2nd Vice President/Membership Chair

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. One requirement of a Golden Key chapter is to have a representative attending CCOT for at least five of the six workshops presenting: president, secretary, treasurer/finance chairman, membership chairman, educational excellence/program chairman, and communications chairman.

The president of the chapter can not 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 your chapter accomplish this distinction if you hold a leadership position in your chapter.

2016 Lobby Day

Rosemary Moore, Legislative Chair


Although Delta Kappa Gamma Society does not endorse individual candidates, you are encouraged to be informed, politically active members.

2016 Committee Chairman and Officer Training

Saturday, June 18
First Assembly Church of God
108 Beck Lane
Lafayette, IN 47909

Thursday, June 23
Sherwood Oaks Christian Church
2700 E Rogers Road
Bloomington, IN 47401

DKG Members at the Statehouse

Kim Fidler, Epsilon Chapter, has announced that she will run for the office of State Representative from district 44. Kim, a native of Cloverdale, taught Spanish at South Putnam High School before being hired by the Indiana State Teachers Association as a UniServ Director in 2006. She serves as secretary for the ISTA Professional Staff Organization and was recently elected vice-president of the National Association of Professional Bargainers.

Representatives Sheila Klinker, Theta; Sue Errington, Beta Mu, and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz, Beta Chapter, are also seeking re-election.
Six new members were initiated into the Beta Epsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International on Saturday, May 7, at the central Christian Church in Lebanon during Founders Day celebration. New members are (l–r): Marilyn Allen, Peggy Bailey, Cheryl Gates, Deb Hannon, Jayne Thompson, and Hannah Hiquet. Submitted by Faye Peters.

Epsilon Chapter was pleased to welcome 5 new members at their Founders Day Brunch held at Almost Home on May 7, 2016. Initiates are Ginger Bodnarick, Danville Middle School social studies teacher, Michael Fisher, South Putnam Central Elementary teacher, Marcia Murtagh, Area 30 Career Center Academic Integration Instructor, Chelsey Meluch, biology teacher for Cloverdale Schools and Marilyn Brackney, retired special education teacher.

Each year, Epsilon Chapter presents a grant-in-aid award to a deserving Putnam County female student majoring in education. Our recipient this year is Emily Clark, a graduate of South Putnam High School, who will complete her elementary education degree at Indiana State University next year.
Address Updates

Marti Daily, State Editor

Four times a year I get an updated list of members and their addresses from International. That list is what our printing service uses to mail printed copies of The Hoosier Newsette. I have been actively encouraging members to allow us to send the newsletter to an email address instead of a physical one. Through this process, I’ve discovered several members who were dropped from our list because their geographical addresses apparently were not correct!

Did you know that you can update your own information directly online? You’ll need your membership number (found on your card) and the password (check with your chapter president) to log on. Click on the link for “My DKG” to edit your profile.

It is VITAL that each member notify International of any changes in her address. At present we have about 2000 members, almost 600 of whom have agreed to receive their newsletter via email. We currently have no reliable way to determine that a member is NOT getting her newsletter unless she notifies us. International is working on a way that chapter treasurers and presidents can access information on their own chapter members online, which should be a big help. Stay tuned for more information!