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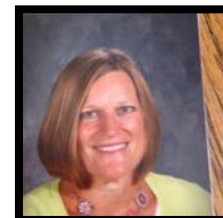
## Making Impressions

As I am writing my first newsletter, I am hoping all of you are planning exciting activities and trips this summer. Remember to take the time to relax and do something special for yourself. Gamma Mu is also spending time to form new committees and planning new programs for the next biennium. Your inputs and ideas will continue to make our chapter grow and educate us as professionals. Summer planning on June 9<sup>th</sup> is one of the places to be this summer.

Our state program theme is: "Making Impressions for the Future." I wanted to elaborate on my impressions of Gamma Mu. My first memory was the impressive initiation and the numerous members that attended. Through the years I have always left the meetings with more knowledge, points to ponder, and a growing appreciation for my career in education. My number one impression is the new ladies that I have met, advice gained from them, and I now call my friends. My goals these next two years are to get to know more members and make Gamma Mu the place to be.

Speaking of places to be, Dina and I will be putting on our new boots and cowgirl hats for a trip to the international convention in Nashville, Tennessee. We will be rounding up new ideas for our chapter and lassoing ways to enhance our professional and personal growth to better our society. There is always room for one more roommate!

May your too short of a summer be refreshing and full of experiences that make you laugh, love, and fill a photo album or phone with precious memories!



*Deb Corso*, President

## Making Impressions for the Future



### 7 Purposes of DKG

1. To unite in spiritual fellowship
2. To honor service in any field of education
3. To advance women in education
4. To support legislation for women educators
5. To endow scholarships and fellowships to women educators
6. To stimulate personal and professional growth
7. To inform members of important issues

**Don't forget to keep collecting used books and magazines for Literacy in the Laundromats of Cass and White Counties!**

### **Mini Minutes for May 7, 2016**

The May meeting of the Gamma Mu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma took place on Saturday, May 7, 2016, at the Monticello Christian Church in Monticello, Indiana. Coffee and pastries were served during committee meetings that began at 8:30 a.m. Prior to the business meeting, members were also encouraged to participate in the Silent Auction of scarves and purses for the Schools for Africa Project.

The business meeting was then called to order by President Judy Neilan at 9:00 a.m. The minutes from the February meeting had previously been approved by the Executive Board and were available for review in the GAB. Peggy Billiard also had hard copies of the GAB available to those without email accounts. Penny Schaefer presented the treasurer's report. The present cash balance totals \$6,644.59. The Evelyn Davis Scholarship Fund balance is \$1,139.95. The Margaret Piety Award balance is \$1,000.00.

Corresponding Secretary Marsha Riggs read a request from Rosemary Weaver, Director of the Adult Learning Center in Logansport, for payment of the High School Equivalency Test fee for Sunday Htoo. She is a wife, mother, and dedicated student who traveled to the United States in 2013, after living in a Burmese refugee camp for twelve years. Penny Schaefer has sent a check to the Adult Learning Center to cover the cost of the test.

Second Vice President Jitka Nelson provided recommendation forms for membership and asked that the forms be submitted prior to Summer Planning on June 9, 2016.

Reports of Standing Committees were given. Co-chairperson Janis Davis reported that the potted flower centerpieces may be purchased for two dollars. The money will be donated to the Schools for Africa Project. Cheryl Odle reported that two worthy recipients have been chosen for

the Margaret Piety Award and Dorothy Moore Book Award. They will be announced at each recipient's awards program. Information about the recipients will be in the June GAB. President Judy Neilan announced that Sally McAndrews will be the new editor of the GAB. Judy expressed her appreciation to Peggy Billiard for her outstanding job on the GAB the last two years. Patty Brown thanked all members for their contributions of scarves and purses for the Silent Auction. She encouraged everyone to continue bidding and thanked those who made monetary donations. All money collected will be donated to Schools for Africa.

Under Unfinished Business, President Judy Neilan discussed the Strategic Action Plan that has been submitted to the state. Based on the membership survey, strengths and weaknesses of Gamma Mu have been reviewed by the Executive Board. This plan is a work in progress and should strengthen Gamma Mu, provide meaningful programs, improve communication among members, and encourage involvement.

Under New Business, the resignation of Mary Beth Woodcock was accepted with regret. Judy reported that seven members of Gamma Mu attended the State Conference on April 23, 2016, in Terre Haute. Mike Lunsford, teacher, author, and Terre Haute Star newspaper contributor, was a tremendous keynote speaker, and there were various exciting workshops, as well as the Janet O'Neal Seminar. The membership accepted the recommendation of the Executive Board for three new member candidates to be chosen from each county. New officers will need to attend CCOT (Officer Training) on June 16, 2016. All members were encouraged to attend Summer Planning at Sandy Taylor's home on Thursday, June 9, 2016. Mary Ann Rusk requested new pictures for the program book.

Also under New Business, the following Women of Distinction were recognized: Jillian Layton (Indiana Association of School Principal's Assistant Principal of the Year District 4), Colleen Shook (Indiana Adult Education Volunteer of the Year), Cindy Leduc (organized fundraiser for family who lost their home in a fire), Amy Densborn (delegate at the State Convention), and Beth Myers (president of the Park Board in Logansport).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Second Vice President Jitka Nelson presented the results of the 2015-2016 Membership Survey with eighty responses. After reviewing the personal information collected, the need for a more diverse membership was apparent. At this point Jitka presented the Membership Moment which was a video of NEA President Lily Eskelsen Garcia from October 2015 entitled "What Teachers Do". Then Jitka continued with the membership information from the survey. She discussed the percentage of members who have held offices and/or chaired committees. Jitka also shared feedback about programs.

Joy Reeser presented the Book Awards to Julie Lapacek from North White and Kelsey Hill from Pioneer.

Dina Dominick conducted the installation of new officers for the next biennium: President Deb Corso, First Vice President Marsha Riggs, Second Vice President Jessica Rule, Recording Secretary Teri Roscka, and Corresponding Secretary Janet Bowyer.

President Judy Neilan thanked the membership for their support during her presidency. Then she presented Deb Corso with her president's pin and raffled a copy of Mike Lunsford's book [A Place Near Home](#).

The meeting ended with the celebration of Gamma Mu's 38<sup>th</sup> birthday. Jennifer Deniston and her committee served punch and birthday cupcakes decorated with red roses and candles. The membership joined together in singing the Birthday Song and the Delta Kappa Gamma Song. As members prepared to leave, they collected their items purchased from the Silent Auction.

*Marla Sellers*, Recording Secretary

### Dates to Remember...

**June 9, 2016** Summer Planning, Sandy Taylor's home, Exec Board at 4:30 pm; meeting at 5 pm

**June 18, 2016 CCOT (Officer Training)**

North Workshop site, Lafayette

**July 5-9, 2016** DKG International

Convention, Nashville, Tennessee

**September 20, 2016** GAB deadline: send to

Sally McAndrews at kmacs97@comcast.com

**September 28, 2016** Exec Board at Web

Chapel UMC, Logansport at 5 pm

**October 1, 2016** General meeting, First

Presbyterian Church, Monticello, 8:30 a.m.

**April 28-30, 2017** State Convention,

Indianapolis

### Dorothy Moore Scholarship Winner

The recipient of the Dorothy Moore Scholarship for 2016 is Kenedy Callaway. She is the daughter of Steve and Julianna Callaway. She is a senior from Pioneer Jr.-Sr. High School and will attend Purdue University in the fall majoring in agricultural education. According to her application, she wants to teach agriculture, but also teach students to accept people's differences, opinions, and perspectives as well as working together to achieve a common good. She wants to be that teacher with her students to develop new techniques of agriculture education and encourage them to think of their future. She said she has had teachers as role models with these great values and as a teacher someday, she wants to pass these values on to her students.

Kenedy has worked for Dr. Ralph Anderson's Animal Hospital for two years. She also enjoys photography, is active in 4-H, and volunteers on the OB floor at the Logansport Memorial Hospital. For her senior project she organized a blood drive, learning how to advertise, set-up, and take-down the blood drive as well as other useful skills for her future. She is a very organized young lady and will be an asset to the teaching profession. Perhaps one day she will be a Delta Kappa Gamma member.

### New member applications

will be accepted at the Summer Planning meeting – Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.



### Margaret Piety Scholarship Winner

Emilee Thomson is the 2016 recipient of the Margaret Piety Award given by the Gamma Mu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Emilee attends Caston High School and is the daughter of Bruce and Laura Thomson.



At Caston, Emilee was involved in athletics, participated in leadership and career events, and helped with the weekly Backpack program as well as many other community service activities. In addition,

she was in band and jazz band. She is described by her teachers as having good time management and organizational skills, good leadership qualities, determination, and integrity.

Emilee will be attending Indiana University Kokomo where she will major in fine arts education. She has chosen this career because of her love of art and her concern regarding a teacher shortage in Indiana. She hopes one day to teach high school students in a small community school.

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### Book Award Winners, 2016

Each year two \$500 Book Awards are given to two graduating senior girls from the high schools in White and Cass Counties. The eligible schools are on an alphabetical rotation. This year's Book Awards will be presented to girls from Pioneer and North White. These graduating seniors must be pursuing a career in education and enrolled in college for the fall of 2016.

**Kelsey Paige Hill** is the daughter of John and Becky Hill. She has one younger sister, Kayla. Kelsey is a senior at Pioneer Junior-Senior High School and plans to attend Indiana Tech in the fall. During her time at Indiana Tech, she will be majoring in Elementary Education and playing on the varsity volleyball team.

Kelsey has chosen to pursue a degree in Elementary Education due to her passion for helping others. The impact a teacher has on each student is truly amazing and knowing that she has taught them valuable life lessons is something that Kelsey holds dear to her. During Kelsey's senior year she has been able to participate in an internship at Franklin Elementary in Logansport. Kelsey is extremely thankful for the staff of Franklin Elementary; they have pushed her to be her best in her internship and as a citizen.



While attending Pioneer Junior Senior High School, Kelsey has stayed involved in her community and school. She stayed active in various clubs and sports including volleyball, cheerleading, National Honor Society, cadet teaching, Special Olympics, and Drama Club. With this, Kelsey is a member of the Cass County 4-H and completes many project including sheep and archery. She has held many offices over the last four years and has completed many hours of community service each year.

**Julie Lapacek** is from Monon, Indiana. Her parents are Frank Volvin and Ann Lapacek. She is currently a senior at North White High School. This fall she will begin her college experience at Ivy Tech to major in Elementary Education.



She chose Elementary Education because she loves being around children and also loves watching them learn and grow. She wants to make as much of an impact of children's lives as they have made on hers. She believes children are our future and will enjoy making a difference for the better.

While in school she was active in track, being a thrower for one and a half years, and was also in Sunshine Society for 2 years. She states that this was the extent of her involvement, but would change that if she could go back in time!

## Colleen Shook

### Summer Planning

Gamma Mu members gathered for their annual Summer Planning at Sandy Taylor's beautiful home overlooking the Tippecanoe River in Monticello.

The meeting began at 5:00 p.m. June 9, 2016, with everyone enjoying social time and sampling delicious salads and desserts. Members contributed a "dime a dip" for each spoonful they put on their plates. The proceeds went to the Book Awards Fund.

Planning guides were distributed for the coming year, with discussion taking place to determine meeting places, dates, and programs. When all plans are finalized, booklets will be prepared and distributed at the October meeting. Members then gathered by their respective county to nominate candidates for the Gamma Mu Chapter.

The meeting adjourned with members expressing appreciation to Sandy Taylor for hosting Summer Planning.



Colleen Shook of the Literacy Volunteers of White County and Gamma Mu member, receives the Volunteer Tutor of the Year Award from Jeff Clutter of the Indiana Association for Adult and Continuing Education at their annual conference held in French Lick, IN. Shook was one of the founders of the Literacy Volunteers in 1990, and she still volunteers hundreds of hours a year for the organization.

## Woman of Distinction

Congratulations to the following Gamma Mu member who are being recognized as Women of Distinction. Great work ladies!

### Jitka Nelson



Jitka Nelson was recently named the winner of the Crystal Berry Award that is given to an outstanding teacher in the Logansport Community School Corporation. She has taught at Logansport High School for 13 years. This past year she taught English language learners.

### Amy Densborn

Amy Densborn was recently named a delegate to the Indiana State political convention.

### Cindy Leduc

Cindy Leduc was instrumental in setting up a fundraiser to the Troutman family of Galveston who experienced a devastating fire.

### Beth Myers

Beth Myers was recently named President of the Park Board in Logansport.

**Writing for Publication...One of the benefits of membership in DKG is having the opportunity to submit an original work you have created. Published works may help you meet advancement goals or maybe you want to share knowledge or perceptions on a particular topic. Check out more information on the *Bulletin*, which is published four times a year, at [bulletin@dkg.org](mailto:bulletin@dkg.org)**



## Mini-Grants and Scholarships

Summer is a great time to look in to the many scholarships and mini-grants available to DKG members. Check them out on the Alpha Epsilon State website: [www.deltakappagamma.org/IN](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/IN) or see Peggy Scott for applications

**INTERNATIONAL** - \$6000 awarded annually to as many as 30 DKG members pursuing graduated studies.

**STATE** – Scholarships for members pursuing graduate study. \$2500 for a member admitted to a doctoral program, \$1500 for a guidance counseling degree, eight scholarships for \$1000.

## GAMMA MU CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS AND MINI-

**GRANTS-** Evelyn Davis Scholarship for members pursuing graduate study; Mini-Grants for professional development, including projects or programs, including seminars, workshops, independent study, and research. Up to \$200.

## LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT WOMEN IN HISTORY (check out #2)

1. There are more than 35,000 museums in the USA and not one includes the full scope of women's roles and contributions to building our nation.
2. 17-year-old Jackie Mitchell, the second woman to play in the major leagues, struck out both Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig in an exhibition game in 1931, but she had her contract voided the next day because the baseball commissioner deemed the sport "too strenuous" for women.
3. In 1777, 16-year-old Sybil Ludington rode 40 miles on horseback through the night (twice the distance of Paul Revere's more publicized ride) to successfully warn Revolutionary Army troops of an impending British attack.
4. Underground Railroad operative Harriet Tubman planned and led a complex and successful raid on the Confederacy with 300 Union troops in 1863.
5. In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, Madam C.J. Walker became the first American female millionaire after creating a line of hair care products for African American women in her kitchen as she tried to make ends meet as a single mother.
6. During the settlement of the American West, former slave Cathy Williams disguised herself as William Cathay, enlisted in the army and served undetected for three years as a "Buffalo Soldier."
7. Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin, the first person to earn a PhD in astronomy at Radcliffe College (then the women's college of Harvard University) was mocked in her time (1925) for her "ridiculous" theory that the sun is composed primarily of hydrogen.
8. Journalist Martha Gellhorn locked herself in a ship's toilet in order to cover the D-Day invasion of Normandy, eloquently described the momentous event and yet was arrested for defying the ban on female reporters in combat upon her return from the battle.

-From the United States Forum of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International