

# KAPPA CHRONICLES



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Alpha Epsilon State-Kappa Chapter

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## You are invited!



- ◆ **What:** Initiation Dinner
- ◆ **When:** June 14, 2016 at 5:30
- ◆ **Where:** Forest Hills Country Club (Rose Room)
- ◆ **Why:** To initiate 8 new members to DKG

*Menu-Salad Bar w/ Condiments, Grilled Chicken, Ham, Turkey,*

*Muffin Variety, Iced Tea, Lemonade and Coffee*

*Meal Cost is \$12.00*

**Please RSVP to Kelly Amos by Wednesday June 8**

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*Teaching kids to  
count is fine, but  
teaching them what  
counts is best.*

*-Bob Talbert*



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**Thank you to Roni Embri rom ISTA for sharing information with DKG sisters at our April meeting about education legislation and how we can make a difference.**



Installation of New Officers April 2016

## A Letter from Your New Co-Presidents:

Kelly Amos: I have been a teacher with Richmond Community Schools for 16 years. I have been lucky enough to have spent all of those 16 years at Charles Elementary School here in Richmond. I have taught second grade, third grade, and fourth grade. Additionally, I was trained as an intermediate literacy coach and spent four years helping to provide professional development in my building in the area of literacy. In my time at Charles, I have taken on many leadership roles within the building and within the district and have grown to be a mentor in the building.

My family is a Richmond Community School family. My husband has taught career education at Richmond High School for 15 years. Our son Jackson will be in sixth grade at Test in the fall, and our daughter Finnley will begin fourth grade at Hibberd. Both my father-in-law and mother-in-law taught for RCS for many years before retiring. Our family is very supportive of Richmond Community Schools and proud of the work that we are doing.

Brandi Jackson: I have been a teacher in Richmond Community Schools for 13 years. My first nine years were spent at C.R. Richardson Elementary School. I was trained in Reading Recovery and taught Literacy Groups for the other half of my day for the first five years. Then I taught 1st grade and 2nd grade before the move to Charles Elementary. At Charles, I've enjoyed the experience of teaching a cluster group of High Ability students. I am a mentor to pre-service teachers and take on many leadership roles in my school and in the district. I have my Master's Degree in Elementary Education with a focus in Reading and I am currently taking classes to complete a Principal Licensure Program through Indiana Wesleyan University.

My husband, Daniel, is a Controls Engineer at Ahaus. This fall, Lydia will begin 6th grade and Benjamin will begin 4th grade at Hibberd Intermediate School. They are both very involved in activities and athletics which keeps us busy!

We both joined Delta Kappa Gamma within the last two years. We have greatly enjoyed our time as members, spending time with fellow teachers, discussing educational issues, and providing service for others. As co-presidents, we hope to continue the work of our outgoing president, Rachel Etherington. We are relatively new members and may need your patience in this officer position. With your support, we are positive that we will have a successful two years!

Thank you,

Kelly Amos & Brandi Jackson

## Your New Officers:

- ◆ Co-presidents- Kelly Amos & Brandi Jackson
- ◆ 1st Vice President- Celeste Johnson
- ◆ 2nd Vice President- Rochelle Rogan
- ◆ Treasurer- Linda Isom
- ◆ Recording Secretary- Kirsten Bunner
- ◆ Corresponding Secretary- Ellen Shepard
- ◆ Parliamentarian- Becki Demuth



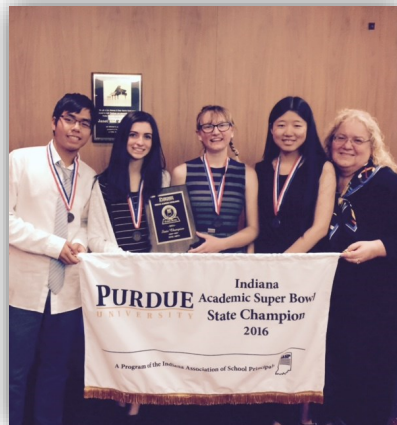
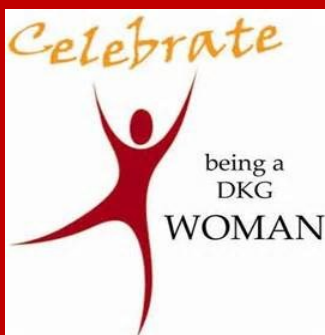


# SPOTLIGHT ON SISTERS

## Congratulations Corner

Congratulations to the following DKG members who were selected for the annual Richmond High School Academic Excellence Celebration which took place on April 15, 2016. Seniors who have a grade point average of 3.5 or above for seven semesters selected an "influential educator." Eight DKG members were selected by students:

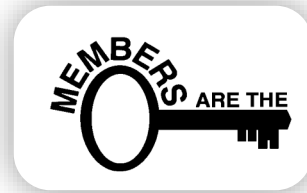
- ◆ Kara Barker
- ◆ Laura Brazil
- ◆ Lauren Gruber
- ◆ Linda Isom
- ◆ Terry Runnels
- ◆ Tess Scheiben
- ◆ Denise Selm
- ◆ Angie Witham



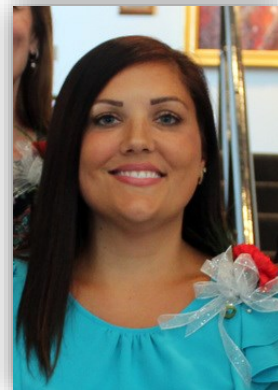
**Karen Kimball with her Fine Arts State Champion Academic Team**



**Eight DKG members surprised Mary Davis by attending the Indiana Football Hall of Fame Induction for her son Nate Davis. Front row: Eleanor Bottorff, Pat Shank, Mary Davis Back row: Barb Shirden, Becki Demuth, Eileen Baker, Mary Malone, Donna Fish, Rachel Etherington**



**Barb Shirden, Denise Selm, Rachel Etherington and Angie Witham at the DKG State Conference in Terre Haute**



**Celeste Johnson was named Teacher of the Year for Richmond Community Schools**



**Phyllis Eloff was named Friend of Education for Richmond Community Schools**

# WHAT DID I MISS?

## Minutes from the Previous DKG Meeting

Delta Kappa Gamma Society of Women Educators

Kappa Chapter

April 21, 2016

MCL Restaurant, Richmond IN

Kappa Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met at MCL Restaurant on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 5:30 pm for the fourth meeting of the school year. Members started with dinner. President Rachel Etherington welcomed everyone at 6:00 pm and introduced two guests; Alisa Clapp-Itmyre and Roni Embry. Pat Shank shared the meditation.

**Program** - State Legislative Agenda and Installation of Members - ISTA Lobbyist Roni Embry spoke on the state of Indiana's legislative efforts in education. After a motion by Donna Fish and second by Barb Shirden to accept Kirsten Bunner as recording secretary, the installation of our 2016-2018 biennium officers took place.

President Rachel Etherington called the business meeting to order at 7:09 pm. She reflected on her years as president, highlighting the initiation of 33 new members and 7 former members rejoining since 2012 and our Golden Key award designation. New officers will attend CCOT June 18.

**Secretary** - Minutes of the March meeting printed in the last newsletter were approved after a motion by Eileen Baker Wall and a second by Annette Jetmore with a proposed correction to include the password for the international website and secretary Rochelle Rogan clarifying its omission due to keeping it out of publication where non-members may see it.

**Treasurer** - Annette Jetmore presented the budget (\$1348.03, general fund; \$1459.88, project fund; \$799.42, scholarship fund; \$3607.33 total). The report was approved after a motion by Nancy Kramer and a second by Becky Demuth.

**Correspondence** - none

**Membership** - 22 prospective member names were brought forward and accepted after a motion by Brandi Jackson and a second by Jackie Schlichte. New member dues are \$76 plus \$10, while reserve members pay \$44. Orientation will take place in May and initiation will be June 14 at Forest Hills Country Club.

**Announcements** - Reported by Rachel

State conference in Terre Haute with Barb Shirden and Rachel Etherington attending

Janet O'Neal Seminar presenters are Denise Selm and Angie Witham

Platinum Prom - Rachel thanked everyone for help

International Convention will be July 5-9 in Nashville

BPA Nationals - Denise Selm reported 10 students qualified for Nationals in Boston. Motion to donate \$250 made by Annette Jetmore. Discussion followed. Motion by Nancy Kramer, second by Lisa Falkenburg passed after change to \$500.

Raffle prizes of 3 table runners made and donated by Nancy Kramer were won by Linda Isom and Barb Shirden. The third was given to Roni Embry.

The Closing Thought was from Kelly Amos. Rachel reminded us to turn in nametags and take a PGP sheet if needed

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at Forest Hills Country Club. The program will be "Teaching in the 1960s" in addition to the initiation of new members.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Submitted by Rochelle Rogan, Recording Secretary

