



“MU”SINGS The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

JULY 2015

Dear Mu Sisters,

Life is full of change. We appreciated a change in the weather. Those of us still in the classroom look forward to a change in our routine during the summer. In May, I even made a change in my hairstyle. I am sure our recent retirees dealt happily with a great deal of change over the past 9 months.

My family has gone through some changes over the past year. Beginning in June of last year, our oldest daughter didn't come "home" for the summer. For the time being, Indianapolis is her home. Then in August, we had another change when our youngest daughter left for college. After nine months of adapting to the "empty nest", she's back for the summer. Add to that yet another change when our oldest daughter let us know

that since she is in her last 6 months of working toward her OT degree, she isn't available to go on vacation with us this year. (We are now going to Niagara Falls instead of our usual beach retreat...that's a story for another time.) Does this sound familiar? To many, I'm sure it does, and if it doesn't yet, just wait a few years!

You might be asking yourself how this relates to education. Over the past few years, schools have been working to integrate technology into the classroom. This can be a little intimidating for some veteran teachers such as myself. It became especially nerve wracking when we got the news that all of our elementary students would have some type of device, iPad/laptop beginning the 2015-16 school year. For someone who has been using whole group instruction for many years, the thought of trying to incorporate the use of technology was a bit overwhelming.

Thankfully, I had the opportunity to visit another school that has been using iPads in their classrooms for a while. They were using a structure called the Daily Five, in which the students moved through a series of 5 main activities daily. The classrooms I visited incorporated iPads into this time. Well, the light bulb came on for me! I had used this organization before, but at that time, some 30 years ago, it was called reading groups. At that point, I realized that I could adapt to this change and use technology effectively in my classroom.

To sum it up, change happens to all of us, and it is up to us to figure out how we will adapt to the changes in our lives. Hopefully, we will be able to find something positive out of the changes we will face. So, when August rolls around, I will flash back 30 years. At home, it will be the two of us again when our daughter returns

to college. At school, I will have "reading groups," as I work to add technology in the classroom.

Yours in education,

Sherri



MINUTES FROM OUR SECRETARY



April Meeting

The Delta Kappa Gamma April 11, 2015 Meeting was held at the Jack Sullivan Senior Citizen's Center in Vevay, Indiana. In attendance were: Deb Archer, Connie Bivens, Kathy Crafton, Joan Dattilo, Marsha Daugherty, Kathy Daugherty, Patti Frazier, Aleica Fryman, Mary Hallgarth, Peggy Higgins, Harriet Ann Hoffman, Casie Jesop, Jo Jones, Pam Jones, Lesa McGarvey, Ellen Mulford, Helen Parks, Jodi Pflaumer, Margaret Ann Riley, Ann Roller, Jean Sandidge, Valerie Smith, Jerry Walker, Natalie Wheeler, Carole Williams, Mary Wilson, Sherri Zornes

Our meeting commenced with a program on eating a healthy diet, presented by Peg Elham who was introduced by member Jean Sandidge. "My Plate" the new directive from the USDA was discussed, beginning with a brief history of the role of government in nutrition which began right after WWII. Ms. Elham stressed the need to increase fruits, vegetables and proteins in our diet as well choosing a variety of colors. The brightly colored foods contain phytochemicals which help to protect us from cancers. We enjoyed the reference to the Beverly Hillbillies "Jethro Bowl" as she pointed out that portion control can be achieved by eating from smaller plates and bowls. She encouraged us to work with children to understand a healthy diet. This is where lifelong habits begin.

President Sherri Zornes, thanked Ms. Elham for her insights and invited members to look over the silent auction of white elephant items. After the short break the business meeting was conducted.

Minutes were approved as read. The treasurer's report was shared. The current balance is \$1,804.37.

The Scholarship Committee has chosen a recipient for our \$400 scholarship. She is Sarah Schroeder from Southwestern. The check will be sent to Marsha Daugherty who will present the award at the senior awards program.

Our newest member will be initiated in the fall as she had a conflict for this meeting. She is Judy White and had her lunch orientation with Sherri Zornes and members of the committee.

Under legislation, it was shared that there is some lobbying to be done. Retired teachers are fighting hard for us not to lose benefits. Some teachers in our state make pensions that are under \$500 a month. Anyone can become an associate member of the Retired Teachers Association for \$24 for a three year membership. There are discounts available with membership that more than cover the cost and the greater the membership the greater the voice when lobbying.

A report was shared on Alpha Epsilon State Convention. Members had a great time. Sherri commented on the good food, great speakers and entertainment. The event was packed with things to do, and she had very little down time. Sherri announced that Jo Jones is now the new 1st Vice President. Lois Vogel was praised, as well, for all her hard work and for representing our chapter so well. At the convention the dues increase was voted in as follows: Beginning next year there will be an addition of \$5 for active members and \$2 for reserve members. You will see the increase in your September dues statement. Milestone recognitions were made at the convention. From our chapter 25 year members include: Jo Jones, Ann Campbell, Phyllis Hull, Beth Steinert, and Andrea Westerfeld; 55 year Member: Amy O'Leary.

The North East Regional Conference is July 8-11 in Baltimore. You can register on-line with your six digit identification number (on your membership card). The Password is DKG2014Society.

November 6-7 is the Fourth Annual Shiloh Fall Arts Retreat in Marion Indiana. Registration begins July 1st and is \$65. Jo has attended and shared some comments. They have some easy crafts appropriate for elementary school teachers to use in their classrooms and great food. Information will be in the state newsletter.

Marsha Daugherty asked if you would not mind receiving your newsletter electronically, to please let her know. It is a cost saving measure for those who don't mind.

April 15 is DKG & ISTA joint lobby day at the state house. You can register on-line

Mu Chapter is planning a summer outing on June 11th on the BB Riverboats. The cost is \$33 for seniors and \$36 otherwise. The cruise is from noon to 2 pm and includes a buffet lunch and dessert. Let Sherri know as soon as possible so she can reserve. She needs 1/3 of the payment now. We are asked to invite guests that may be considering membership.

DKG was founded on 5/11/1929, so in honor of the occasion Sherri shared with us a speech about Delta Kappa Gamma founding women that was made by Penny Schaefer at the recent conference. Penny incorporated Lois's theme "Shared a Vision – Made a Difference".

Today's pitch-in lunch is accepting a free will donation to help offset the cost of this year's Scholarship. Jean Sandidge gave the blessing.

The meeting was adjourned with the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma Song.

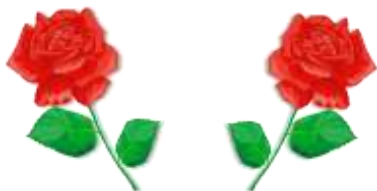
Upcoming Events

September 19 – Salad luncheon and meeting at First Baptist Church of Aurora at 11:00. (Free will offering) Topic: Taking Leadership Roles
Just off Highway 50 on the west side of Aurora. It is at the top of Trester Hill and across from the new Aurora Firehouse.

October 31, 2015 - Dues are due to Pam Jones. You may pay at the September meeting or mail to her in the attached envelope. If you receive your newsletter via e-mail, her address is: 620 Spring Street; Madison, IN 47250. Dues are now \$71. Reserve dues are \$37.

Thursday, November 5 – Next meeting at 5 p.m. (Meeting place to be announced. Hanover is in charge.)

November 6 & 7 – 4th Annual Fall Arts Retreat Shiloh Park Retreat and Conference Center. (Registration begins July 1) If you are interested, please email Marsha Daugherty at mdaugherty1@hotmail.com or call 812-599-3515. I will see that you receive a copy of the registration and lodging information.



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

Some background education on the society: The name is a combination of the initial letters of three Greek words meaning teacher, key, and women. Today we use DKG. “Society” designates the international organization. Society Headquarters is located at 416 West 12th Street, Austin, Texas 78767

News of members: Many of you have heard by now that Bonnie Fancher passed away. She was noted to be an accomplished teacher and very generous with her time spent with students and working on special projects at school.

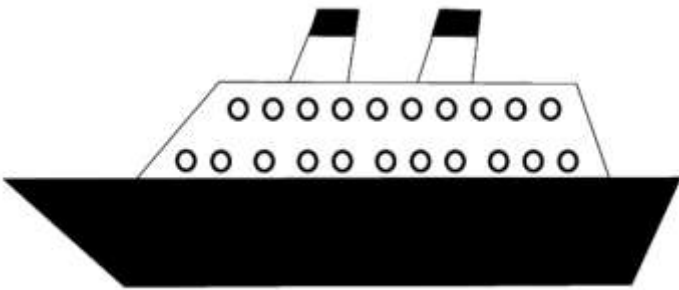
On a happier note, Dee Budd received a DKG scholarship for furthering education. Dee was selected for the Biddle/Conover Scholarship for \$1000. This will go towards repaying her tuition for her educational leadership licensure program through Indiana State. She will attend the State Conference in April to receive formal recognition. CONGRATULATIONS, DEE!

Editor information: If you have news or information regarding special projects that you are involved in this year, please feel free to call or e-mail me. We would love to have pictures and articles included in the newsletter. Also, feel free to remind me on upcoming meetings and events.

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Our June 11 meeting was an adventure! We enjoyed our riverboat cruise in Newport, Ky.





Wouldn't it be wonderful if we all could make it to the September 19th meeting?

Ladies, put the date on your calendar. The past president of Garden Clubs of Indiana will be the speaker. We will enjoy a salad luncheon and good fellowship as we conduct our September business. Our focus will be leadership. I would like to see us do some carpooling again, so if you need a ride, call 812-866-4410. We will see if we can arrange some rides for people who may not want to drive. Don't forget to bring your dues money of \$71.

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