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From the President: *Mary Anne's Message*

Hello All:

I cannot believe we are looking at May already. Hope you are all enjoying the nice spring weather and that our active teachers see that summer vacation is in sight!! Even though we love our jobs, it is nice to have time off to refresh and renew.

Our April meeting was a lovely gathering of members and of cadet teachers and their families and friends. All 3 cadet teachers came and gave us a wonderful summary of their experiences this past school year. They were very inspiring and reminded us of why we all became teachers as well. The Internship Coordinator from Noblesville High School, Susie Wiersema, was our speaker and talked about the importance of cadet teacher programs. She told us that students receive elective credit for cadet teaching and that in addition to the teaching experience they keep journals, plan lessons, and do case studies on individual children. It truly gives them a taste of what a teacher does and gives some excellent preparation and practice.

I would like to thank my wonderful officers for all the work they did and the many extra hours they spent meeting to revise our standing rules and to complete our Strategic Action Plan. Their dedication is and was appreciated by a grateful president!! Thank you, thank you for all your help. I think we have some great information to pass on to the next slate of officers for the 2016-2018 biennium. Speaking of that slate, it was voted that our new officers will be as follows:

Kaaren Rodman, President
Carol Killen, 1st Vice President
Karon Duffield, 2nd Vice President
Margaret Taylor, Recording Secretary
Jamyce Banks, Corresponding Secretary
Nominations, Mary Anne Schager

Congratulations to our new officers and thanks again to our present officers!! Have a great May and hope to see all of you on the 31st for our last meeting before the summer break.

Sending my best,
Mary Anne



PURPOSES

1. To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.
2. To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.
3. To advance the professional interest and position of women in education.
4. To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators.
5. To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators.
6. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.
7. To inform the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

Chapter Meeting Information



LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR!!! Please join us to celebrate Founders Day, install new officers, initiate new members and honor our active teachers. Former State President, Ina Van Duyn, Beta Tau, will also be giving a short talk. Our final meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 31st at 11:30am at Serenity located at 135 S. Main St., Zionsville. The cost of the meal is \$18. Meal choices are: (1) Turkey asparagus wrap, tossed salad, (2) Bacon spinach cheddar quiche, tossed salad and (3) Chef's salad and mushroom or chicken velvet soup. All meals include a choice of beverage and dessert. Please confirm your attendance and meal choice with Mary Anne by phone (317-201-5979) or email mshager@sbcglobal.net by **Tuesday, May 24**. Don't miss this busy and informative meeting.



Membership

Omega has grown throughout this biennium!! We will end the year with initiation of new members!!! Membership Chair Karon Duffield would like to thank all of the members who have supported growing Omega Chapter over the biennium!



Annual Planning Meeting Information

Our annual planning meeting will be held some time in June. We want to continue to grow Omega Chapter and provide programs of interested to all members. Please share your ideas with the 2016-2018 leadership.



State of the State Alpha Epsilon State Indiana

The 2016 Alpha Epsilon State meeting was held Saturday, April 23, in Terre Haute. Council 10 did an excellent job of hosting and planning this meeting. After a tasty continental breakfast JoAnn Manes called the meeting to order. We were welcomed to ISU by the president of the university, Dr. Daniel Bradley. I attended a great breakout session on Monarch Butterflies given by presenter, Phil Cox. We were made aware of the plight of the endangered Monarch butterfly and how its numbers have been diminished. We learned about their biology, migration and what we can do to help its survival. Plant milkweed gardens!! Mr. Cox stated that this was the biggest thing we could do to ensure the survival of the Monarch butterfly. It lays its eggs only on the underside of the leaf of the milkweed plant.

Our keynote speaker was Mike Lunsford, writer at the Terre Haute Tribune-Star. Author Philip Gulley says, "If we could distill, bottle, and distribute Mike Lunsford's good sense, our world would be the better for it." A teacher of English and American History, he has written about Indiana and the natural world. His books show how the simple things he writes of are the genius of a great storyteller. A list of his published works follows: *The Off Season, A Place Near Home, A Windy Hill Almanac, Sidelines: The Best of Basketball Stories, and The Bridge That Carries You Over*. They are a great read! Some of these can be found on amazon.com. Check at your local library as well.

It was nice to catch up with friends from other chapters and to hear the reports from all the state officers and committees. Your Alpha Epsilon State Organization works hard for you and gives out many scholarships to teachers. It is worth following up on what scholarships are available. Check out the website at deltakappagamma.org/IN.

Please see the attachment for a sharing of ideas from the conference provided by Kaaren Rodman.



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- Δ Don't forget to register for the DKG International Convention in Nashville, TN. It will be held from July 5-9, 2016. From the DKG Website: "This is a once-in-a-biennium opportunity designed to help you find fulfillment in your busy life. The convention will offer community and connection, information and inspiration, motivation and momentum. When you and your chapter are equipped with the right tools, the right plan and the right attitude, there is nothing that you cannot achieve. That's what the 2016 International Convention is all about." Check it out at dkg.org.



MAY

1 - Janice Ashley, 17- Debbie Jacobs, 19 - Margaret Taylor, 22 - Phyllis Brown



This section is designed to recognize the personal and professional accomplishments and activities of Omega chapter members. Please submit your accomplishments to Jamyce Banks at witconsulting@gmail.com by the 25th of the month for inclusion in the newsletter.

- ❖ Kudos to Heidi Stone!! She was voted "Teacher of the Year" by her colleagues at IPS School 48. Congratulations Heidi!!! We are so proud of you!!

Links of the Month



As school year comes to an end and summer kicks in full force let's stay active and continue to learn. Below are links to happenings in Indy. Enjoy and have a great summer!!!

- ❖ [Click here](#) or visit <http://www.downtownindy.org/happening-downtown/hot/20-free-things-to-do-in-downtown-indy/> for happens in downtown Indy.
- ❖ [Click here](#) or visit <https://indyschild.com/50-fun-activities-for-five-dollars-or-less-in-indianapolis/> for 50 activities under \$5



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