

TAU TALK

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Delta Kappa Gamma's March Meeting

Date: March 10, 2015

Time: 4:00 pm

**Location: BCSC New Tech Signature Academy
2205 25th Street**

Program: The Granny Connection

The Granny Connection is deeply dedicated to providing support, advocacy and funding to grandmothers in Africa who are raising children orphaned by AIDS.

Presented by Mary Harmon

Share the Vision; Make a Difference:

Pecans will be sold by Granny Connection for \$5 per bag. Members may also support Schools for Africa (our international project).

Hostess Committees: Marjorie Hooten Fund and Standing Rules

President's Message

It has been a while since our November meeting with Alpha Epsilon's First Vice President, Jo Ann Manes, and her presentation on International's project, Schools for Africa. We are continuing the "Africa Connection" at our March meeting. Mary Harmon from Columbus' Granny Connection is our presenter. This is a time to learn more about the issues that grandmothers in Africa face as they raise children orphaned by AIDS as well as a chance to learn more about what we can do as a Chapter to help. You can go to the Granny Connection website at <http://grannyconnection.org/index.html> to learn more about the organization before our meeting. Check Brenda's information on the March meeting for more.

Keeping in our African mode, this little guy is an inquisitive youngster from an area in South Africa called Djuma Private Game Reserve in the Sabi Sands. If you haven't seen the live streaming from WildEarth Safaris and their excellent teaching guides, you really need to check them out. (Screen Shot from one of the WildEarth Safari shows.)



The WildEarth Safaris can be accessed on these 3 sites: <http://wildearth.tv/cam/wildearth-safaris>; <http://www.wildsafari.com/>; or

<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/wildearth-safaris> twice a day: 9 AM to 12 noon and from 11 PM to 2 AM our time.



Another screen shot from WildEarth Safari.
How would you like to have something like these Red-Billed Oxpeckers to help you get rid of things that might irritate you? These two are sitting on an African Buffalo. They help the buffalo get rid of ticks and other pests by eating what “bugs” the buffalo.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL TAU MEMBERS



Alpha Epsilon State Convention is fast approaching. Brenda Main will be Tau’s representative when it comes to voting on the proposed changes to the By-Laws and Standing Rules for Alpha Epsilon. You, as a Tau member, need to be sure to read the proposals as printed in the January issue of *The Hoosier Newsette*.

Brenda needs to know your thoughts concerning the changes especially in the finance area on page 13 of the proposed Standing Rules. Rule #10 will have a direct impact on all Alpha Epsilon State members. Brenda, by rule, will be able to split her vote if needed. Read the proposals and then let Brenda know your thoughts. Remember our Tau meeting will be **the same week** as the State convention so do not wait for the meeting to let Brenda know how you feel. She needs to hear from you before March 12.

Delta Kappa Gamma Minutes

November 20, 2014

We began our meeting with a moment of silence in memory of Dr. Ruth Holland. She recently passed away. She taught in BCSC. She received a school foundation grant to study how children in Alaska learned English. This was in 1959.

Minutes of October minutes were approved as printed. The treasurer’s report was printed and a motion to approve was made by Dee Black, 2nd Kim Powers and Sherri McKinney. Motion passed.

Diane Howrey is requesting reserve status due to declining health of her husband. Motion to approve made by Rochelle House, 2nd Henrietta Snively. Motion passed.

Betty Black had requested reserve status prior to our meeting, members voted via phone/email. The vote was unanimous in favor of Betty’s request.

Joan Manes, Alpha Epsilon Vice-President gave a presentation on her recent trip to Africa. The schools for Africa: “Every Child Deserves a quality Education.” UNICEF. She talked about books and how they are printed in 4 languages. English, 2 tribal languages and Dutch/English. Safari is what it’s called, and it’s DKG’s first official international project.

In Africa 47 million children do not go to school. The project began with 6 countries and has expanded to 13 today. Money was collected from members, it goes to UNICEF, and they administer the funds. The money may be spent for clean water at school, toilets at school or toiletries, as well as school supplies. The program was interesting and informative.

Patti Unrue thanked us all for the book donations to Elizabethtown library. The library is full!! We can continue to donate books.

We meet next on March 10, 2015. Have a safe winter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Richardson

**Marjorie Hooten Report
January 2015**

Money Market Checking Account

Income

Dividend from Money Market Checking Account	\$0.03
Dividend from Income Fund	
Sale of Principal	
Interest	

Total Income **\$0.03**

Expenses

Grants	\$199.00
Scholarships	
Other (Stamps, meals for scholarship winners, guests)	

Total Expenses **\$199.00**

Starting Balance \$2,476.03

Income over Expense -\$198.97

Current Balance **\$2,277.06**

Income Fund as of 1/31/15 **\$181,101.76**

Total Marjorie Hooten Fund (Current Bal. + Assets) **\$183,378.82**

YTD

Total Grants (non-members) **\$12,794.00**

Total Scholarships (members) **\$600.00**

January Grants

Holly Newman-Stump: Applying Evidence-Based Practices in Social Skills Instruction

Mallory Diener: IN Music Educators Assoc. Development Conference

TREASURER'S REPORT

February 11, 2015

Balance – November 19, 2014	\$2376.47
Receipts	
Memorial donation (R. Holland)	25.00
Expenses	
Memorials (K. Turner, L. Mahoney, T. McKinney)	75.00
Balance February 11, 2014	\$2326.47

Submitted by Joan Houston
Tau Treasurer

From the Project Committee

When was the last time you hunted for Easter Eggs? When did you search for eggs filled with goodies? The Tau chapter will host a member egg hunt on April 12th. Our chapter is hoping to raise over \$300 to keep a balanced budget. This year members are asked to bring 1 Easter Egg filled with a donation (the amount is your choice) to the April 14th meeting. When you arrive please hide the egg for our Easter Egg Hunt. Once the meeting begins, all members will find the donated eggs. Together we will open the eggs and count the money.

Please join us for spring inspired treats for the DKG Easter Egg Hunt. If you cannot attend the April meeting, feel free to bring your Easter egg to the March 10th meeting.

Help us raise funds for our chapter!

From the Legislative Committee

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

One of the stated goals for the 2015 session is to convert the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction to an **appointed** position. Indiana is one of 13 states where the Superintendent is elected. In 18 states he/she is appointed by the governor; in 23 by the Board of Education and in 3 by some other method. In a few states there is an elected Director of Education and an appointed Superintendent of Education. Indiana's law seems to be leaning toward allowing the governor to appoint the Superintendent. Currently the governor appoints all of the other State School Board members. Many feel allowing the governor to appoint the Superintendent would avoid the friction which has been present between State Superintendent Ritz and the current School Board.

NUMBERS OF ED MAJORS DECREASE

Ball State reports a 63% decrease in the number of education majors since 2009 and IU reports a 30% decrease over the last decade. The declines are in line with a nationwide decline. Most researchers are putting the blame on corporate reform as well as the low pay paired with the high cost of college. Research says that regardless of the type of institution a student attends, the single most important school-based factor for improving student achievement is the quality of the classroom teacher and school leaders. Research based reforms which work include increasing teacher pay, recruiting the best and brightest in the teaching profession, raising professional standards for teacher preparation, and providing professional development.



. Tau Chapter extends sympathy to Sherri McKinney, whose husband Tim passed away and also to Charolette Mahoney, whose husband Larry passed away. We keep these ladies in our thoughts. We also mourn the passing of our member Karen Turner.



Delta Kappa sisters, If you know of a member who is sick, is grieving because of losing a loved one, needs to be cheered up, or for any special reason--thinking of you etc., please let Donna Fleming know (812-343-1369 or d.r.fleming@comcast.net) and a card will be sent.



Happy Birthday

March 3 Kim Powers March 15 Henrietta Snively
April 16 Nancy Schumann April 21 Marcia Gilpin



Congratulations to our members: Laura Hack, who is now Elementary Education Director for Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation and Teresa Heiny, who is Assistant Supertendent of Human Resources.

Please send items for Tau Talk to Natalie Lavengood - lavengoodnat@yahoo.com. You may call Nat at 812-988-9668 if that is easier for you. Changes to your name, address, school, phone, or e-mail address need to be sent to Nat either in an email or via regular mail. There should be a form to use to report changes to your information in your Tau Handbook under the Society Business tab. Or mail your information to: Natalie Lavengood, 2920 State Road 135 S, Nashville, IN 47448
Deadline for the next issue of Tau Talk is March ??????????????, 2015..

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