



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS  
**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**

## Alpha Epsilon State Indiana



# Alpha Sigma News

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### A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, SHARON RICHIE

Happy Holidays!

An appreciative thank you to the members who participated in the Recommitment Ceremony at our November meeting. I hope you felt as much pride as I did for being selected into membership of Delta Kappa Gamma. I am honored to have been recognized by fellow women educators for initiation into such a prestigious group, and hope you feel the same. The meeting was informational with friends and robust conversation. We missed the members not present. How about our reserved member Carla Duchess celebrating 60 years, and Kay Horn and Mary Esther Weirick for celebrating 50 years of membership! What a wonderful testament to the purposes of the society.

Also, thank you to the committees who took the time to meet and report their SWOT assessment. I am requesting the committees not reporting to meet before the February meeting with their SWOT assessment.

**GET OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE!** Remember I challenge all members to do a good deed each month as a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. We have tabled ideas for a group project, however we can still do individual activities and report at our club meetings.

Mark your calendars for the state convention **April 28th and 29th in Indy at the Lexington Hotel.**

I wish all of you a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sharon

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## Recommitment Ceremony



Eighteen members participated in the Alpha Sigma Recommitment Ceremony on Saturday, November 12, at the Country Kettle in Knox. We recommitted to the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma.

A slide show of the photos taken during the Ceremony are on the Alpha Sigma website home page. Sheila Akers grants Alpha Sigma members permission to use the images for personal use.

You should be able to pause the slide show, click on the desired photo, and move a copy to your desktop. Then you can print a copy, if you so desire. Contact Sheila if you need help securing a copy of your favorite photo or photos.

## SWOT Assessment

Identifying strengths and weaknesses will help our Chapter create a Strategic Action Plan to make us vibrant and stronger.

Committees reported strengths such as diverse membership and commitment of members to community activities. Weaknesses include busy schedules, family commitments, and distance. Grants

and scholarships were cited as opportunities. Threats were identified as apathy and financial concerns. Committees that haven't met to fill out the SWOT form should so for the February meeting.

## Project Volunteerism

Many of our members volunteer regularly in their communities. Our president challenges us to volunteer at least once a month in the name of Delta Kappa Gamma.



Kay Horn took on a volunteer project that involved creating a Quilt of Valor that was presented to a veteran. Read about Kay's project on the Alpha Sigma webpage.

Margaret Radtke is a bell-ringer for the Salvation Army at Bailey's Discount Store. Others volunteer through their Community Centers.

Project Volunteerism will be featured on our website on the Projects page. If you have a volunteer story to share, please let Sheila know. A photo to go with the story would also be appreciated!

## New Members

Do you know dynamic women employed in educational positions or self-employed educators who would be worthy members of Delta Kappa Gamma? Now is the time to make your suggestions. Look on the password-protected Members page for a printable copy of the New Member Prospect Card. There is

also an online copy that you can fill out and submit.

The boundaries that used to be in place for membership consideration no longer exist. We may consider prospects from Pulaski, Marshall, Kosciusko, Jasper, and Newton counties, as well as Starke and Fulton.

## Logging in to the Members Page

If you still have not logged in to Members page, you need to find that November 1 email message with an invitation to change your password.

Because the Members page contains your home address, telephone number, and email address, it is password protected. All polls and online forms are also housed on that page. You can be assured that only Alpha Sigma members can vote or respond to forms because of the protection in place.



If you need to have the invitation re-sent, please contact Sheila. If your email address changes, you will need to have a new invitation sent to you since the login is email address based.

## Remembrances

The Remembrances Committee needs our assistance in making sure that cards and flowers are sent according to the guidelines outline in our Policies. An email message was sent to all members that have email, but if an email message is not feasible, then please look at the Member Directory for telephone numbers or addresses. Cheryl Orkis is the Remembrances Committee Chairman.