



# INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

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

## Alpha Epsilon State Indiana



# Alpha Sigma News

## December, 2017

### A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Holiday Greetings,

A big thank you to Steve Lee for sharing his presidential library presentation "Dare to Dream" at our November meeting. It was both informative and entertaining. It encouraged me to think about a presidential library as a trip someday!

As we enter 2018, active members will be approached by our nominating committee to fill the slate of officers for the 2018-2020 biennium. Offices to fill are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. As key women educators and LEADERS, all chapter members possess the qualifications to serve. I pray members will respond positively. The slate of officers will be presented at the February meeting and installed at the April meeting.

Also, continue nominating key women educators for our chapter.

Prospective members can be discussed in February and initiated in April or June. See Margaret Radtke for prospect card or make a copy from the website.

Members currently teaching and attending meetings can earn professional growth points. Carol Tripenfeldas has the form and your record of attendance to receive points.

I am intending to invite our state liaison, Penny Schaefer, to our February meeting. Mark your calendars for February 17, 9:00 A.M. It would be great to have a majority of members present. Members not attending truly are missed.

Lastly, as I reflect on this past year, I am confident that our chapter has a positive, healthy environment.

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**Next Meeting**

**Saturday, February 17**

**Coffee!**

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I feel all members participate and support when able. Just look at the amount of money we raised for our Grant-in-Aid in five short months!!

I say thank you and God protect you this holy season. May 2018 see a continued strengthening for Alpha Sigma.

Sharon

## Presidential Libraries



Steve Lee, recipient of an Eli Lilly Creativity Grant for \$10,000, spoke about his visit to 13 presidential libraries. Only 74 people have visited all thirteen libraries and Steve is one of these. The 1955 Presidential Library Act provided that presidential libraries built by private funds would be maintained with federal funds. His presentation, "Dare to Dream," was the culmination of 4 1/2 weeks and 12,000 miles using all kinds of transportation (bus, car, train and air plane). He offered information on presidents' lives which was gained through report cards, letters, and activities in which they participated. Presidents have come from all socio-economic backgrounds and have displayed a variety of academic

and physical abilities. Some had excellent health and some were sick as children. They had a variety of interests and careers. Some of the libraries were interactive. What all presidents had in common was a mentor who recognized in the youngsters who would become presidents the willingness to set goals and reach the goals. Steve talked about the mentors for some of the presidents. Steve made the point that anyone can be a leader and become a president.

## Fall Arts Retreat

Sharon Richie and Sharon Henderson attended the Fall Arts Retreat at St. Meinrad Archabbey. Sharon Richie won the gift for traveling the farthest. She brought the finished products to show members at the November meeting. Most of the activities were for Christmas. These included a lighted mason jar, felted Christmas ornament, decoupage leaf candy dish, poem writing, star book decoration, and pressed flower leaf hanging. The participants had a tour of the Abby. It was a great weekend for creativity and fellowship.



## Dessert Table Success!

The Dessert Table at the Starke County Community Services Fish Fry was a big success. Alpha Sigma made \$353 and has exceeded the \$1,000 goal for our grant-in-aid. The

Dessert Table was run by Lauren Akers, Susan Christian, Anne Eckert, Sharon Henderson, Sharon Richie, Carol Tripenfeldas, Kathy Ward, and Judi Weitgenant.



Donations to the Dessert Table were made by Lauren Akers, Sheila Akers, Lyn Altman, Nila Beauchamp, Francie Bevelle, Kathy Brown, Susan Christian, Venita Cunningham, Sylvia Dumas, Anne Eckert, Sherry Lippelt, Marilyn Lukac, Margaret Radtke, Sharon Richie, Donna Rowe, Shelley Stonecipher, Carol Tripenfeldas, Kathy Ward, and Judi Weitgenant.

## Coming Events

### State Convention

Courtyard Marriott, Lafayette  
April 28, 2018

Registration deadline: April 1  
[www.alphaepsilonstatedkg.weebly.com](http://www.alphaepsilonstatedkg.weebly.com)

### 2018 International DKG Convention

Austin, Texas  
July 16-20, 2018  
[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

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Sharon Henderson is working on changes which must be made to our current chapter policies which were adopted in 2013. The changes basically entail a complete writing out of policy which used to be covered by "in accordance with the Constitution." Sharon will send the proposed amendments to Sheila Akers to e-mail to Alpha Sigma members prior to the next meeting. The membership decided to conduct an electronic vote to ensure that all will have a vote and that this work will be concluded by the De

### **White Rose – In Memorium**

One of our founding members, Mary L. Goodner-Norris passed away on July 9, 2016 in Logansport. She was an elementary school teacher at Riddle Elementary in Rochester

