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**Alpha Sigma
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A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, DONNA KIDA

Greetings, Alpha Sigma!

What can be more wonderful than looking at Christmas through the eyes of a child? It can start with writing a letter to Santa, to sitting on Santa's lap and telling him our heart's desire, to patiently waiting for the jolly elf to arrive on Christmas Eve. It all seems so magical!

There are movies that give a child's point of view of Christmas, such as *A Charlie Brown Christmas* and *A Christmas Story*. Songs are plentiful, including *Up on the Housetop* and *All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth*. So many books are written about Christmas, among them *The*

Polar Express and *Five More Sleeps 'til Christmas*. What a gift we have in all of these!

Whatever age we may be, let's look for that inner child within each one of us. Let's enjoy the time we spend with family and friends. Most of all, if I may be permitted to say, let's remember the "reason for the season." That is the true gift.

May you and yours have a blessed Christmas season.

Donna

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Mission

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

Our Next Meeting:

Saturday
February 18, 2023
9:00 AM Central
NJSP HS Media Center

Program: FFA, Beth Cohagan and FFA Officers

Roll Call: What do you know about FFA?

Opening Thought: Roberta Salyer

Media Review: Kathy Ward

Refreshments: Nila Beauchamp and Sharon Richie

Closing Thought: Lauren Akers

Collection: Schools for Africa

Dates to Remember

Alpha Sigma Chapter Meeting
 February 18, 2023
 NJSP High School Media Center

Janet O'Neal Seminar
 November 25, 2022
 Columbia City, Indiana

State Convention
 April 28-30, 2023
 Evansville, Indiana

Starke County Community Foundation and Starke County Scholarship Foundation

Sheila Akers shared information about the Starke County Scholarship Foundation, of which she is the treasurer. The Foundation funds scholarships for Starke County students pursuing a four-year degree after high school. It works closely with the school counselors to encourage students to apply.

All the money donated annually is awarded as scholarships. There are also some endowed funds. Funds are solicited beginning in February and scholarships are awarded at high school Honors Programs.

Cheryl Orkis was unable to attend the meeting but contributed the following information about the Starke County Community Foundation:

Starke County Community Foundation (an affiliate member of Northern Indiana Community Foundation) was founded in 1996 with the purpose to improve the quality of life in communities, schools, churches and various organizations in the county.

The Foundation has helped provide opportunities for students in our county schools by funding many projects, field trips, and materials:

- SCCF has presented \$110,330 in 2022 plus \$2.3 million since inception.
- The Foundation has awarded over 650 Scholarships totaling more than \$1 million.
- Children from 207 families were able to attend preschool with the \$162,000 provided from the Preschool Scholarship Fund.

The following grants benefit educators:

- The Starke County Community Foundation awards up to \$1500 to each corporation in the county.
- Maude Brown and Henry F. Schricker Endowment Grant awards one \$500 grant to provide support to all fourth grade or above regarding Indiana history and social studies.
- Knox Class of 1970 Care Grant awards \$100 for Knox Community Schools.
- Our Kids Excel Grant awards \$500 for North Judson San Pierre students K-12.

2023 starts a brand new year! Check out nicf.org for grants posted in Starke, Fulton, and Miami Counties.

For more information on scholarships visit boxful.org/starke-county/scholarships/

Bake Sale



The annual Bake Sale held at Mark Bailey's Discount Center raised \$1,219 for Alpha Sigma projects and operating expenses. This event was made possible by the members who generously donated baked goods, time and monetary donations. A grateful "Thank You!" to all who were able to help in any way.

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**DKG INDIANA
HOT TOPICS**

January 12, 2023 7:00 pm ET
via ZOOM

**REFLECTIONS FROM THE ERMA
BOMBECK WRITERS'
WORKSHOP - PART I**

Glenda Ferguson was awarded a DKG scholarship to attend the Erma Bombeck Writers' Workshop in Dayton, Ohio last fall. She'll share about Erma's life, writing, and the concepts behind the workshop (Pt. 2 will be at the April DKG convention)

RSVP to IndianaDKG@gmail.com

Memorable Christmas Song Lyrics

"I won't ask for much this Christmas. I won't even wish for snow. And I'm just gonna keep on waiting, underneath the mistletoe." — Mariah Carey, "All I Want for Christmas Is You"

"Holidays are joyful. There's always something new. But every day's a holiday. When I'm near to you." — Frank Pooler, "Merry Christmas Darling"

"Have a holly, jolly Christmas; It's the best time of the year. I don't know if there'll be snow, but have a cup of cheer." — Johnny Marks, "Have A Holly Jolly Christmas"

"Bells are ringing, children singing, all is merry and bright, so hang your stockings and say your prayers, 'cause Santa Claus comes tonight." — Gene Autry, "Here Comes Santa Claus"

"Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time, dancin' and prancin' in Jingle Bell Square in the frosty air." — Bobby Helms, "Jingle Bell Rock"

"You're as cuddly as a cactus, you're as charming as an eel, Mr. Grinch." — Dr. Seuss, "You're A Mean One Mr. Grinch"

"Haul out the holly, put up the tree before my spirit falls again. Fill up the stocking, It may be rushing things, but deck the halls again now." — Johnny Mathis, "We Need a Little Christmas"

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Merry Christmas to All!

