

### **Indiana State Organization**

"We are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmastime." – Laura Ingalls Wilder

## Alpha Sigma News

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#### A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, DONNA KIDA

#### Seasons Greetings, Alpha Sigma!

This time of year has "nostalgia" written all over it. It's when we recall the Christmases of our past. Hopefully, our memories bring to light our pleasant memories and minimize those that are not so pleasant.

I remember my dad bringing home the Christmas trees, which, at times, were too tall for our living room. There was the Christmas when Santa Claus looked amazingly like my Uncle Rich. And, of course, there was attending the Midnight Mass.

We became adults, and the focus turned to our own children, as well as our nieces and nephews. What fun it was to watch them open their gifts! This feeling repeated itself with the coming of grandchildren. They were so delighted with their new toys!

When I was looking over the requests from the families on our angel tree at church, I was somewhat surprised by what seemed to be a most popular item. Socks. Socks for adults and children alike. What a simple and practical request.

Let's enjoy this blessed season by keeping it simple. Let's remember the reason for the season. However your family celebrates, enjoy the time you have together.

May God bless you this Christmas season, and throughout the coming New Year!

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 17, 2024
9:00 AM Central
NJ-SP HS Library

Program: Art Project with Sylvia Dumas

**Schools for Africa Collection** 

Roll Call: What is your favorite type of art? Opening Thought: Donna Rowe Media Review: Lauren Akers Refreshments: TBA Closing Thought: Sheila Akers

#### Dates to Remember

#### **Alpha Sigma Chapter Meeting**

February 17, 2024 NJ-SP HS Library

#### **State Conference**

Columbus April 27, 2024

#### ССОТ

June TBA, 2024

#### International Convention

National Harbor July 9-13

#### No-Bake Bake Sale

At the November meeting, it was decided to cancel our annual bake sale at Bailey's Discount Center and hold a No-Bake Bake Sale.

When we were in the grips of the Covid epidemic and could not hold in-person meetings, we were asked to donate to our various projects. Chapter members were generous to a fault. While we are no longer constrained by an epidemic, we are suffering from "Tis the Season" fatigue. Time is a luxury and commodity that many members just do not have this time of the year.

Since our Grant-in-Aid depends upon the Bake Sale as its primary source of revenue, a No-Bake Bake Sale fits the bill for cutting back just a little bit on the pre-Christmas rush. Take the time to estimate what you would have spent making your baked goods for the bake sale or what you would have donated if baking is not your thing.

Send a check in that amount to Lauren Akers, 0440 W 450 S, North Judson, IN 46366. Mark the memo with Grant-in-Aid. Make the check out to DKG. In the past, we have made over \$1,000 with the inperson Bake Sale. Let's equal or exceed that amount this year!

Merry Christmas to all!

# Nominations Committee Looking for Candidates

The Nominations Committee is looking for candidates to fill the slate for presentation at the February meeting. Donna Kida has announced she will not seek reelection as president. Sheila Akers has also decided not to continue as

Corresponding Secretary and Editor of the Alpha Sigma News.

As Nila Beauchamp and Colleen McCarthy from the Nominations Committee seek candidates, consider taking up a new challenge to step forward in a leadership position.

## Amendments to the Standing Rules

Do you have a suggestion or several suggestions for perhaps changes to the Indiana State Organization DKG Rules? Amendments to the State Standing Rules can be at a State Conference State Convention. Amendments to the Bylaws are made only at a State Convention. Send your suggestions to Harriet Hoffman so she and her committee can prepare the proper language to be presented at the mid-winter meeting in January.

Harriet Hoffman: harrietannhoffman@gmail.com

#### B.o.B

If the resolutions you make for 2024 involve downsizing your book collection, consider donating your gently-used books the B.o.B (Bunches of Books). Alpha Sigma gives them to Kids' Closet to include in their backpacks to needy community children. Don't miss this opportunity!

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