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Alpha Epsilon State Indiana



Sharon Richie
at the
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Alpha Sigma News

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A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, SHARON RICHIE

First I want to thank the members who attended the June initiation for Sue Norwich and attended our meet- and-greet breakfast at Richard's of Toto. When we are together, we genuinely enjoy fellowship and being in the company of each other.

Attending the 2017 Indiana State Convention, I realized all chapters deal with how to encourage members to attend meetings and how to grow and maintain a healthy chapter. I hope you had time to read the June Hoosier *Newsette*. The theme for the next biennium initiated by newly elected state president Jo Jones is "Inspire Change." I believe in change. Change is an opportunity for growth. During this first year of my presidency I challenged you to look at yourself and recognize how active we society members are in the community. We are

great volunteers! Volunteers can bring positive change to a community. As Jo Jones said, "Change begins with ME."

Donna Kida, Sylvia Dumas, Sharon Henderson and I attended the State Convention. There were over 30 posters displayed. Eight breakout sessions covered topics for present teachers, retired teachers, and one of my favorite sessions, Downsizing Made Easy. I will bring the program booklet to our September meeting. Thank you to Alpha Sigma for giving me the opportunity to attend.

Lastly, as most of you know, I retired at the end of this school year. Hopefully, I now have the time to study the committee's SAP surveys and together we can implement a goal to improve one aspect of our chapter. We will Inspire Change!!

Have a great summer, Sharon

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Initiations



Lauren Akers and Susan Norwich became our newest members on Saturday, April 22, and Thursday, June 1, 2017. Lauren is an ELL teacher at DeMotte Elementary and Susan is a Speech teacher at North Judson-San Pierre Schools. Lauren is in her fifth year of teaching and is the daughter of Alpha Sigma member Sheila Akers. Nila Beauchamp, who nominated Lauren and is pictured above with her, was Lauren's second-grade teacher.



Susan was initiated in a special ceremony because she was at a Speech and Hearing Convention on April 22. She was nominated by Sharon Richie and has taught at NJSP for 24 years.

Project Bob

Groups of things have names: a herd of cows, a flock of geese, a murder of crows. What do we call bunches of books donated by Alpha Sigma members to fuel a new project? How about Project BoB (Bunches of Books)!

After hearing that many members would initiate different types of book distributions and access for children in our April roll-call, the Chapter decided to begin a book collection project.

Members are invited to bring new or gently used books to any or all future meetings to create and fuel Project Bob. These books will be given upon request to any organization or person involved with distributing books or providing access to books outside of school. Books can be placed in Kid's Closet backpacks, in community book exchange baskets, and/or community service centers.

Cheryl Orkis will donate an extensive early childhood collection. Books for children of other ages will be needed. Lauren and Sheila Akers will house the BoB collection and will distribute books upon request. Alpha Sigma members are asked to bring books to meetings whenever possible and to inform Lauren and Sheila when books are needed.

Town-Wide Yard Sale

Alpha Sigma members are asked to donate items and work during the North Judson Town-Wide Yard Sale to be held Friday and Saturday, August 11 and 12, from 8:00 to 3:00. Donna Kida will host our fund-raising effort at 113 George Street.



Your expertise is needed if you are a yard-sale aficionado. You can bring your items to Donna's house during the week of August 7-10 and your help would be greatly appreciated

for set-up on Thursday, August 10, as well as on Friday and Saturday. Please donate and help!

FOLKS

At our Toto get-together in June, Venita Cunningham unveiled a new program that will begin at North Judson-San Pierre Elementary this fall. Friends of Lucky Kids (at) School or FOLKS is a mentoring program for at-risk children. This volunteer opportunity requires one hour a week every week of the school year with the same child. Here is an opportunity for retired Alpha Sigma members and their friends to continue to make a difference in a child's life.

If you are interested in this program or need more information, please call NJSP Elementary (896-2128) or Kay Reimbold (896-3258). A FOLKS brochure is posted on our website (alphasigmaindkg.org). A copy of the brochure will be sent to you electronically at the beginning of August.

DKG Volunteer Badge

DKG Volunteer badges were distributed at the April meeting. If you were not present at the meeting, be sure to pick one up at our September meeting.



Wear your badge as you volunteer and let everyone know about DKG!