



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Indiana State Organization



Silent Auction at the
State Convention

Alpha Sigma News

July 2021

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, JODY ARNDT

Greetings, Alpha Sigma!

I hope every one of you has taken a few days for relaxation and travel this summer. My family is enjoying a much-needed vacation in northern Wisconsin this week. The old saying, "Time flies when you are having fun!" appears to be true –all of us want to extend our stay just a couple more days.

Our Alpha Sigma chapter has 33 active members and six reserve members on the present roster. Three prospective members will have an opportunity to learn more about the mission and purposes of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International at an orientation gathering at my home on Wednesday, July 28. It is my hope

that Mary Ann Dudka-Milo, Colleen McCarthy, and Heather Quinn will choose to become active members of the Society in September.

Please continue to spread the word about DKG. Our members have so much to offer to each other and to the community. If you know a candidate, please encourage her to learn more about the Society and to keep Alpha Sigma an active, thriving group.

Thank you, everyone, for all of your support the past year. As we move into this new year, let us move forward with hope that Alpha Sigma can continue working to achieve the mission and seven purposes of the Society.

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A Zoom Meeting with International Personnel



Eight Alpha Sigma chapter members sat in on a Zoom meeting with DKG International President Becky Sadowski on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at 6:30 PM Central. Other International personnel attending the meeting were Connie Resnick, Member-at-Large, and Nita R. Scott, Executive Director. Indiana State President Jo Jones also attended.

Becky talked about the Executive Board and their concerns. She stated that the major concerns of DKG International are membership, leadership, and communication.

All of these areas were greatly affected by Covid-19 and International looked for ways to adapt, "looking at the big picture through a different lens." The Executive Board had to be "flexible, adaptable, and nimble."

Although chapter bylaws contained wording to allow for electronic voting, state bylaws did not. The Executive Board passed a pilot project to allow electronic voting.

In other news, Becky Sadowski discussed the need for a new headquarters building because the old one was "not withstanding the test of time." As they explored what to do, they always kept in mind "what is best for our members."

Nita Scott discussed the changes that Covid-19 brought to the

workplace. They thought they would be back in a couple of weeks, but she finally had to send out a message, "do what you can do from home with whatever equipment you have." Members left messages and the staff would call them back. Now they have a new phone system that is tied to the computer system, not the building. They can take calls from anywhere. There have been other challenges, but the staff has been able to meet those challenges.

Dates to Remember in 2021

July 21-24
International Conference
San Antonio, Texas

September 11
State Executive Board Meeting
Indianapolis, IN

November 13
Fall Arts Retreat (FAR)
Noblesville, IN

The International Conferences this year will be hybrid. Sessions will be recorded to share at a later time. International travel may still be a problem in July.

Jo Jones asked about the possibility of hybrid conferences and conventions in the future. Becky Sadowski responded that the Executive Board would examine the outcome of this year's conferences and will make a determination that responds to "what is best for our members."

Connie Resnick elaborated on the challenges of being a Member-at-Large. She works hard at building connections with chapters around the world. She expressed how difficult Covid-19 made her ability to make those necessary

connections. Connie wants to hear from members about their concerns and their stories. She is very responsive to those who contact her.

Nita and Becky shared the DKG story of key women educators with the buyers of the old headquarters. Those buyers are now planning to have an area that appropriately commemorates DKG.

Becky, Nita, and Connie are looking forward to 2023. Two sites in the Detroit, Michigan, area are being investigated as conference sites. The European Conference has been postponed until 2023.

Ideas for making connections have been discussed. Those include an e-DKG project with programs led by members from around the world, having more tools on the DKG website, and increasing Zoom opportunities for professional development.

Alpha Sigma was treated to the Zoom meeting session because Kathy Ward and Jody Arndt updated all the chapter member information on the DKG International website.

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Until we meet again, keep safe and keep well.

Jody

Anna Blocker

2020 Grant-in-Aid Recipient Anna Blocker was the guest of honor at the Fun, Food, and Fellowship get-together at Country Kitchen in Knox, Indiana, on Saturday, June 19, 2021. She was awarded her check for \$1,000 by Vice-President Lauren Akers and Scholarship Committee Chairman Susie Norwich.



*Deep summer is when laziness
finds respectability.*

-Sam Keen

2021 Grant-in-Aid Recipient

Anna shared some of her experiences from her first year at Purdue. She had her field experience at Oakland Elementary School in kindergarten. She was amazed at the intelligence of young children. She is building a library of favorite authors.

Anna belongs to the Purdue Student Educational Council which is the student government side of education. This organization assists in making policy and gives suggestions for the school of education. Miss Blocker also belongs to the Purdue Student Education Association which is associated with the National Education Association. Additionally, she belongs to the Purdue Council for Exceptional Children. She is the secretary for this organization and is active in working with special needs children, gifting them with items they had placed on an Amazon wish list.

Fortunate to have all in-person classes, she enjoyed her classes in elementary education and special education.

DKG Orientation

Colleen McCarthy and Mary Ann Dudka-Milo have accepted the invitation to attend the orientation session for DKG at Jody Arndt's home on Wednesday, July 28, at 4:00 PM Central. All Alpha Sigma members are invited to attend this session.



Carlee Blackburn from Rochester High School is the 2021 grant-in-aid recipient. She received her certificate from President Jody Arndt, Treasurer Kathy Ward, and member Kay Horn.

50-Year Member



Sharon Henderson received a certificate for attending the State Convention as a 50-year member.

**Chapter Generosity
by Jody Arndt**

Alpha Sigma's focus on service was evident when members answered the call to donate gift cards and/or

money for the silent auction basket. The generosity of our members was awesome! The Alpha Sigma gift card bouquet received the highest bid at the auction. The money donated will be used to support the DKG Emergency Fund to assist members who have sustained losses from natural disasters.



**Alpha Sigma Member
Profile: Sherry Lippelt, a
key woman educator who
exemplifies "motivated to
make a difference."**

Sherry Lippelt has been a Delta Kappa Gamma member since 2015. I have known Sherry for many years. She has worked at North Judson-San Pierre Schools for 34 years, the last 10 teaching second grade. We worked together when I was in charge of the elementary school library and furthered our relationship when I was Tech Director. We were both involved with high ability students and Spell Bowl competitions. Sherry reminded me that she knew me when she was a student and I was a teacher at North Judson-San Pierre High School. I always felt welcome in Sherry's classroom. I was impressed with her caring nature and high expectations for her students as well as herself.

Sheila: To what or to whom do you attribute your drive to make a difference?

Sherry: At home, I watched my grandma and my parents who were



always willing to help neighbors in need. They would take food to neighbors, take them to appointments, and bring people into our home when there was a need. In high school, I came across the Chinese proverb, "If you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day. If you teach a man to fish, you feed him for a lifetime." I liked the idea of helping people for the long term. I chose to be an elementary teacher because I felt that if I taught students the basic skills of reading, writing, and arithmetic they could use those skills to become independent learners, to take care of themselves, and to pursue their goals.

*The summer night is like a
perfection of thought.*

-Wallace Stevens

Sheila: How has your membership in Delta Kappa Gamma influenced the direction of your activities?

Sherry: Through Delta Kappa Gamma, I am able to gather with educators who also want to make a difference in our community and our world. Our chapter offers a variety of projects. I especially like that we offer a grant-in-aid to future educators. I think it's important that we encourage and support new and future educators.

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

Sheila: What are your most memorable "adventures" with Delta Kappa Gamma?

Sherry: I enjoy the interactions with fellow members and with guest speakers at the Delta Kappa Gamma meetings. It is always interesting to visit and to learn about the interests and the experiences of others. I will probably never visit Africa, but it was wonderful to hear Cheryl Bockstahler share her experience of teaching in Africa. It has also been fun to have previous NJ-SP students attend our meetings to share their talents and businesses.

Sheila: What do you feel are your most important contributions to Delta Kappa Gamma, your community and to education?

Sherry: I like to support Delta Kappa Gamma, the community, and education through donations and by promoting education for life. I like that our chapter offers books to families through local organizations. Getting books into homes is a step toward increasing literacy in our community.

Sheila: Anything else you'd like to add?

Sherry: I enjoy teaching and living in the community where I grew up. It is fulfilling and joyful to have multi-generational relationships with my students and their families.

DKG Orientation

Wednesday, July 28
4:00 PM Central

Jody Arndt's Home
4300 Brooks Bluff Road
North Judson

Keep up with all the DKG news, information, and events...

Visit the State website...

<https://www.dkgindiana.org>

and

the International website...

<https://www.dkg.org>

*Mama always told me not to
look into the sights of the sun.
Oh, but mama, that's where the
fun is.*

-Bruce Springsteen

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