



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Alpha Epsilon State Indiana



Alpha Sigma members stuff bags for Kid's Closet

Alpha Sigma News

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A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, SHARON RICHIE

Kid's Closet truly is an impressive program in our community. What a great resource for families in need! I saw it as another opportunity for chapter members to volunteer and perform a kind deed. (Hint, hint.) What do you think about donating books for school-age children for the bags? Mrs. Lewandowski said families do ask for books. Think about it and we can discuss this at a future meeting.

I made my reservation for the state convention April 28- April 30. It would be wonderful to

share the experience with other members!

Lastly, please clear your calendar for the morning of April 22, our initiation meeting. If you consider membership a prestigious honor, we should demonstrate that by our presence. Let's remind each other and make that the meeting not to miss this year.

Also, don't forget to send pictures of good deeds to Sheila for our poster and our website.

Wishing you a blessed spring,

Sharon

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Initiation

Kid's Closet

Kid's Closet, the brain child of Linda Lewandowski, began in 2012. Her mission was to see that no child in Starke County would be without adequate clothing. What started as a small project with trips to yard sales with family members and friends has developed into a large-scale project serving over 900 children in 2016.



Kid's Closet accepts gently used clothing and new clothing and shoes. Each child served receives seven outfits, a coat, boots, pajamas, a hygiene kit, seven pairs of new underwear, socks, hats, gloves, and shoes. Infants and toddlers receive twelve outfits. School supplies are provided year-round.



Linda Lewandowski,
founder and director of
Kid's Club

A volunteer from Kid's Closet takes the clothing to the child's home and ensures that the clothing fits before leaving. Because this is a

ministry of the United Methodist Church of North Judson, the volunteer prays with the family before leaving.

Kid's Closet receives donations from the community, grants from Walmart, KV REMC, and the Northern Indiana Community Foundation. They also hold fund raisers such as rummage sales and fish fries.

New Members Nominated

Five teachers were nominated for membership. They are Candice Schilz, art professor at Ancilla College; Lauren Akers, ELL teacher at Kankakee Valley; Susie Norwich, speech and hearing teacher at NJ-SP, Jennifer Fletcher, Special Needs teacher at Knox, and Roberta Salyer, Special Needs teacher at OD.

An orientation meeting for new members will be held at Sharon Richie's home on April 10 at 5:30 p.m. All members are invited to attend.

Project: Schools for Africa

Alpha Sigma formally adopted Schools for Africa as a chapter project. Schools for Africa, a UNICEF program, became Delta Kappa Gamma's first official international project in 2010.

SFA works to provide access to quality basic education for all children, but especially for girls, orphans, and other vulnerable children in thirteen sub-Saharan countries.

To learn more about this important project, please go to

[http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Projects/Schools for Africa/DKGMember/Schools for Africa.aspx?hkey=5f9432b4-c387-444b-9193-05707a1dcc24](http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Projects/Schools%20for%20Africa/DKGMember/Schools%20for%20Africa.aspx?hkey=5f9432b4-c387-444b-9193-05707a1dcc24).

Schools for Africa...a way for Alpha Sigma and Delta Kappa Gamma to better the world!

State Convention

Registration for the Indiana State Convention is April 10 which will take place on April 28-30, 2017, in Indianapolis at the Lexington Hotel. Reservations must be made by phone at (317) 244-3361.

The March edition of the *Hoosier Newsette* includes information about professional, educational, and personal growth sessions, as well as information about the 2017-2019 state officer nominees.

Several proposed ByLaws Amendments and Standing Rules Amendments are also cited in the March *Hoosier Newsette*.

Join our Chapter President at the State Convention!

Photos Needed

Volunteer photos:

Don't hide your light under a basket! Our chapter needs photos of you doing your volunteer work for our State Convention Poster and for our website.

If you do not have digital photos and/or do not know how to convert a regular photo to digital format, please mail or give your photo(s) to Sheila. She will convert it to the necessary format and will return your photo(s) to you.

Member photos:

Our website is also missing some individual photos for our Members page. If you do not have one in digital format, please send or give a regular one to Sheila. She will convert it to the desired format and will return your photo to you.