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A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, SHARON RICHIE

Spring Greetings :)

It was satisfying to have Penny Schaefer, our state liaison, attend our February meeting. The number of members present and the program, CASA director Rhonda Adcock, impressed Penny in how active Alpha Sigma members are in volunteering. She saw and heard our enthusiasm for helping others in the community.

Thank you for having confidence in me to serve another biennium as your president. I will continue to assist our chapter in being healthy and viable. Your support is appreciated.

Donna Kida and I are sharing a room for the Conference the night of April 27. There could be room for two more?!

If B.O.B (Bunches of Books) is our project, members need to donate books. How can we give books to organizations, or a new teacher to begin her library if we have no books? Be "inspired!" I know how difficult it is to part with books used in our classrooms. However, this was the project selected and members felt it was necessary to place books into children's hands. So, go through your boxes and donate!

I am looking forward to hosting the April 19 meeting. It is a carry-in and I will provide the drinks.

Warm spring wishes,

Sharon

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Penny Schaefer

Penny, Schaefer, our State Liaison, attended our February 17, 2018, meeting. She encouraged Alpha Sigma members to attend the State Conference on April 28, 2018, in Lafayette, Indiana, at the Courtyard of the Marriott. The one-day meeting will include a Continental Breakfast, a Ceremony of Remembrance, a General Meeting, Breakout Meetings and more. The Business Meeting is scheduled to end at 2:30. More information is available in the *Hoosier Newsette*.



As the Alpha Epsilon State Historian, Penny encouraged our chapter to write a chapter history every two years and to include information from all the reports marked 2016-2018.

PROGRAM: CASA

Rhonda Adcock, the Director of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), spoke about the CASA program in Starke County. Each CASA volunteer undergoes training which involve nine Tuesdays. These volunteers advocate for abused and neglected children in court. They may see some of the children on a daily basis and can

make a real difference for the better in a child's life.



Because of privacy rules, Rhonda could not disclose particulars. However, she did say that the amount of poverty and neglect in Starke County is alarming. Many children live in unfit homes, too dirty for human habitation. There is also generational poverty, a culture of poverty, in which the way of life seems "normal" to those living it.

CASA volunteers can give children a broader view of life and opportunities. Rhonda encouraged Alpha Sigma members to consider becoming CASA volunteers.

2018-2020 Officers Elected

The Nominations Committee presented a slate of officers for the 2018-2020 Biennium. Alpha Sigma members voted and our new officers include...

Sharon Richie – President
Sylvia Dumas – Vice President
Jody Arndt – Recording Secretary
Kathy Ward – Treasurer
Sheila Akers – Corresponding Secretary.

These officers will be installed during our meeting April 19, 2018, at Sharon Richie's home. The meeting will begin at 4:00 PM and is a carry-in. Please plan to attend!

Committees in Action

The Scholarship Committee chairperson, Venita Cunningham, has contacted area school counselors requesting applications from senior women who will be majoring in Education and who wish to apply for our Grant-in-Aide. The \$1,000 award will be distributed when the young lady is a sophomore in college.

The International Projects Committee chairperson, Nila Beauchamp, reported that \$100 was donated to the UNICEF project Schools for Africa.

The Rules chairperson, Sharon Henderson, reported on the proposed changes to the International Rules. Some of the changes involve a change in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society name and when dues will be collected in the future. Look for more information in the *DKG News Special Amendments Edition*.

Countdown to Kindergarten

Alpha Sigma member Margaret Radtke asked for help with supplying books for Countdown to Kindergarten. At our next meeting, she will ask you for a monetary donation to help purchase new picture books for this program. Please be at the meeting and please be generous!

State Conference

Time is running to register for the State Convention. Go to www.DKGIndiana.org to find a registration form. Lafayette is not that far away and this is a one-day Conference. Go for it!