



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Alpha Epsilon State Indiana

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**Alpha Sigma
News**

March 2019

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, SHARON RICHIE

Greetings!

I was so happy we were able to hold our February meeting and finally hear the coffee program with coffee entrepreneur, Mitch Fingerhut! Not frequenting coffee shops myself, I was very interested in his presentation of cold brew coffee.

If you were not in attendance, the International Project committee passed out clear plastic bags with a map of Africa. Collect your spare change for this year's donation to Schools for Africa and bring to the April 6 meeting. Contact Lyn Altman, Nila Beauchamp, Kathy Brown, or Nancy French for your collection bag. No denomination is too small or bill too large!

Prospective members can still be nominated at the April meeting. How exciting that 5 prospective members were introduced in February! Don't be shy, there are more qualified women in our communities that would make our chapter stronger! Give prospective cards to the membership committee. We will hold the induction ceremony at the September meeting.

REMEMBER, the state convention will be held the weekend of April 26-28 in Lawrenceburg. Lauren and Sheila will create our poster. If you have pictures of you volunteering please contact Sheila.

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Coffee with Mitch



Mitch Fingerhut of Bottleneck Solutions in North Judson related his journey in the cold brew coffee industry.

Coffee brewed with cold water has lower acidity, more flavor, and higher caffeine. This specialty beverage is infused with nitrogen to give it a bubbly, smooth appearance when poured. Alpha Sigma members were treated to a taste of cold brewed coffee.



In 2016, Mitch worked part time brewing cold coffee with a couple of friends at the Common Coffeehouse downtown. At that time, the local industry was selling their products to restaurants in Indiana and Illinois. An opportunity to expand the business rose in 2017 when it was purchased by Bottleneck Solutions of Santa Cruz, California. Mitch is now able to work full time for Bottleneck Solutions at the North Judson site. He and three other employees are

co-packaging their products for businesses in Chicago and many other sites across the United States.

New Rules

Sharon Henderson, chapter Parliamentarian, made changes to the Chapter Rules that were proffered by chapter members after the first reading. The rules with proposed changes were sent electronically to members prior to the meeting and were unanimously accepted by the members attending the February meeting.

Schools for Africa

Nila Beauchamp distributed zip-lock bags with a map of Africa for members to place change and bills to support Schools for Africa.

She presented a story of a girl from Madagascar whose school was destroyed during a cyclone. UNICEF provided a tent in which school could continue to be conducted. The girl expressed her appreciation to UNICEF for making school available to her.



Alpha Sigma members are requested to place donations of coins and bills in the zip-lock bags and return them to the International Projects Committee. Those unable to attend the February meeting may contact a member of the International Projects Committee for bags or bring their donation to the April 6th meeting.

Janet O'Neal Seminar

Sharon Henderson reported on the Janet O'Neal Seminar. She stated that approximately 35 attendees were treated to an inspirational speaker from Lafayette, Indiana. Sharon opined that it was a wonderful professional growth day.

Support for Early-career Educators



Expanding our chapter's support for early-career educators to student teachers, a welcome bag was given to Kara Trent, Caitlyn Dvorsczak, and Leanne Kerley. These young women are presently in classrooms at North Judson-San Pierre Elementary and North Judson-San Pierre Jr.-Sr High School. Leanne is working in the math department of NJ-SP Jr./Sr. High School. Alpha Sigma member Donna Rowe (2015) is one of Leanne's supervising teachers. The supervising teachers for Kara and Caitlyn are 2nd grade teacher Sherry Lippelt (2015) and an NJSP kindergarten teacher. Alpha Sigma wishes these young ladies much success as student teachers.

Grant-in-Aid

Venita Cunningham reported that she had contacted counselors at the schools. The Scholarship Committee, of which Venita Cunningham is the chairman, has received its first application from a student of Knox High School. The

application process is open until April at which time the Scholarship Committee will make a selection to propose to the chapter for a grant-in-aid.

2019 Bake Sale Fundraiser

Because of the successful bake sale of December 2018, Alpha Sigma is already making plans for a 2019 bake sale. The tentative date is Saturday, December 14, with expanded sale time from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Margaret Radtke encouraged members to make Christmas goodies and to package them in see-through wrappings so that customers can see what they are purchasing.

Budget and Audit

Kathy Ward, treasurer, presented the budget for 2019. The budget of \$4,001.50 was accepted by the members. Nila Beauchamp and Venita Cunningham will audit the chapter's financial records according to the "Guide for Chapter Review/Audit" found online by Kathy Ward. The audit will be conducted before the April meeting.

Upcoming Events

April 26-28, 2019 – State Convention
Lawrenceburg, Indiana

Fall Arts Retreat
November 15-16, 2019

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House
5353 E. 56th Street
Indianapolis

See the March issue of the *Hoosier Newsette* for more information.

State Convention

Sharon Richie stated that she will be attending the State Convention in Lawrenceburg from April 26

through April 28. She has sent in the form for a chapter poster which will be made by Communications Committee members Lauren and Sheila Akers. Sharon also stated that she has nominated Sheila Akers as a "Woman of Distinction" for her dedication to Delta Kappa Gamma and her volunteerism in the community.

New Prospects

Membership Chairman Sherry Lippelt announced that five new prospective members have been nominated by chapter members and submitted to her committee. North Judson-San Pierre teachers Angela Allender, Jo Ann Gappa, Amanda Ness, and Theresa Parich plus Knox teacher Molly Dollahan will be contacted later this spring.

April Meeting Change

The April meeting venue and program have been changed. The meeting venue will be the North Judson-San Pierre High School Media Center and the program will be WKVI Travel: Travel Tips and Upcoming WKVI Trips. Lauren and Sheila Akers, Sherry Lippelt, and Margaret Radtke will provide refreshments. The original program, Induction of New Members, will take place in September.

Photos Needed

For the State Convention poster, please send photos of your volunteer activities to Sheila Akers via email: sjakers@gmail.com.

Sheila needs an image of your activities by March 28. Don't be shy! Don't be humble! Let the other chapters in the state know how Alpha Sigma members volunteer in their communities!

Alpha Sigma Member Profile: Clara Warnke, a key woman educator who exemplifies "motivated to make a difference"



Clara Warnke has been a Delta Kappa Gamma member since 1973. Clara has served our chapter in various capacities including president. Clara is a quiet, charming, unassuming woman who was my predecessor in the North Judson-San Pierre High School Library. To me, she was a role model in the Media Center and as a person. Clara exemplifies a woman who makes a difference. I asked Clara to answer some questions for me via email to find out more about her and how she is motivated to make a difference. Here is our email interview.

Read the March *Hoosier Newsette*

for information about

Rules Changes

for the Indiana State Organization

which will be considered for adoption at the State Convention in Lawrenceburg

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

Clara: In the little cotton mill village of Glendale, SC, where my dad pastored a Wesleyan church, my 7th grade teacher, Mrs. Murray, said to me one day, "You have a good mind! You could climb to the top of the ladder in education and be whatever you aspire to be, but I suppose you'll just get married, have babies, and be just a housewife." That pronouncement stuck with me. Unknowingly, Mrs. Murray's words lit a passion within me to pursue achievement.

Later, when I earned my BS in Education degree, I, figuratively, held up my diploma to the heavens and said, "See, Mrs. Murray! You inspired me all those years ago." Then when I finished my MS in Education degree, I physically held up my diploma and said out loud, "See, Mrs. Murray, you are still pushing me up that ladder!"

In 1973, Juanita Woosley invited me to attend a DKG meeting and then sponsored me for membership. Before that, I knew nothing of this organization. I had been busy being a farmer's wife, having babies, directing the youth program at Davis Church, and managing to teach 1 year of 3rd grade at Hamlet, 1 year of PE at Knox High School, and 6 years at North Judson-San Pierre High School teaching English, being a librarian and then a media specialist. I continued in this position until retirement in 1993.

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

Clara: In my early years in Alpha Sigma Chapter of DKG, I felt like a very small rosebud in this huge bouquet of full-bloom roses. I knew very few of the members. It seemed most of the ladies were from the Rochester-Winamac area.

As time went by, I served on several committees and was president for a term. I went to state meetings and even did a devotional at a regional meeting. Several of us chapter members were quite busy during Sharon Henderson's state presidency, especially during the state convention. It fell my lot to escort our NJ-SP Schools Superintendent, Steve Timler and his wife to the formal installation event.



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

Clara I'm sure someone else might remember something that I can't. I've been retired for 25 yrs. For 24 of them, I've spent several months of a year either on Lookout Mountain, AL, or in Brooksville, FL. What does come to mind is that I was on my way to a DKG meeting when stopping to pick up Kathy Ward at her house, I ended up at the bottom of her basement stairs and went to the hospital instead. I think we were to pick you up at the Bass Lake Bank for that trip.

After causing me to wait for a few minutes, Kathy asked me if I needed to visit the bathroom before we left and indicated the direction to go. The only problem was there were several doors off that little hallway. The open door at the end of the hallway looked like the entrance to a bedroom. After mistakenly opening a door to a closet and one

to the laundry room, I opened another door, saying to myself, "This has got to be it." I flipped a light switch and stepped - down, down, down, hitting the 3rd step from the bottom nearly severing my left foot at the ankle. There I sat with blood pooling on the floor feeling stupider than stupid!

Kathy was so gracious about it all! She had the ambulance there in 10 minutes. Dr. Kim, an excellent orthopedic surgeon, was standing in the emergency room when I arrived that Saturday morning. His patient insisted that Dr. Kim take care of me first. I had the best of care that day and afterward. A few years later, when Kathy hosted an Alpha Sigma chapter meeting at her house, Rick, her husband, cautioned that she should lock the basement stairs door. He didn't want to clean up another pool of blood!

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

Clara: I don't know that I made any important contributions to DKG other than produce a daughter, Rhonda (Warnke) Pinilla, deemed worthy by Nila Beauchamp to sponsor as a member of Alpha Sigma Chapter. Rhonda, a 2nd - 3rd grade teacher at Liberty Elementary School for 25 years, discovered ways to make learning fun for her students, using every trick and media available. She even came up with the idea of having them "rap" their spelling words as a memory device. It worked!

I feel that my most lasting contribution to education and the community involved buildings. The first was that of planning the media center for the NJ-SP High

School building that opened in the fall of 1974. The architect's plan was totally unacceptable, so I complained to Superintendent Weddell. After hearing me out, he told the architect to make whatever changes I wanted. After that, I planned and worked closely with the architect and builders to have, at that time, a state-of-the-art media center.

The second building was the H.F. Schricker Starke County Library building at Knox. When Judge McLaughlin appointed me as a trustee of the Starke County Library System, the Knox Library was in a storefront building across from the courthouse. During my 15-year trusteeship, I was involved in the initial planning and development of a new and beautiful, unique and functional library building in Knox, of which I am proud. We also developed and modernized libraries in Hamlet, Koontz Lake, and San Pierre.

A Note from Our President, Sharon Richie – Continued from page 1

Sharon Henderson feels we have a GREAT chance of being recognized as a Golden Key Chapter or at least Honorable Mention. I would be so appreciative of a delegation to celebrate this achievement.

Hopefully, we won't be having any more extreme weather events! See you April 6!

Sharon

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Amusing Celebrations

Everyone celebrates the usual birthdays, holidays, and anniversaries that are special to all of us. However, if you need a reason to celebrate other days, here are some specialty celebrations for March and April that you may want to adopt.

March

- March 9: Panic Day
- March 10: International Find a Pay Phone Booth Day
- March 11: Worship of Tools Day
- March 12: Plant a Flower Day
- March 13: Ear Muff Day
- March 14: National Pi Day
- March 15: Everything You Think Is Wrong Day
- March 16: Everything You Do is Right Day
- March 20: Tea for Two Day
- March 21: Absolutely Incredible Kid Day
- March 22: National Goof Off Day
- March 23: National Chip and Dip Day
- March 24: National Chocolate-Covered Raisin Day
- March 25: Waffle Day

- March 26: Make Up Your Own Holiday Day
- March 28: Something on a Stick Day
- March 29: Smoke and Mirror Day
- March 30: Take a Walk in the Park Day
- March 31: World Backup Day

April

- April 1: International Fun at Work Day
- April 2: Peanut Butter and Jelly Day
- April 3: Don't Go to Work Unless It's Fun Day
- April 4: Walk Around Things Day
- April 7: No Housework Day
- April 11: Eight Track Tape Day
- April 12: Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day
- April 13: National Peach Cobbler Day
- April 14: National Pecan Day
- April 15: Rubber Eraser Day
- April 16: Mushroom Day
- April 17: National Cheeseball Day
- April 18: National High Five Day
- April 20: Look Alike Day
- April 22: National Jelly Bean Day
- April 23: National Zucchini Bread Day
- April 25: World Penguin Day
- April 30: Hairstyle Appreciation Day