



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS  
**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**

## Alpha Epsilon State Indiana



### Sharon Richie, Chapter President

# Alpha Sigma News

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#### A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As we start the 2016-2018 Biennium, I am excited to work with you and our officers in providing a program to meet all our different interests and needs. I understand busy schedules, demanding family issues, and personal reasons for not attending. However, I feel your talents, friendship, and support are missed if you are not in attendance. Remember that there's a reason you were recommended and you accepted membership into Delta Kappa Gamma.

Our first challenge was to show our commitment to providing quality education and support for our local school corporations to Jim Harper, opponent of State Senator Ed Charbonneau. Legislation that Senator Charbonneau helped pass

affects our jobs and financial stability of our schools. The ideas and concerns our membership expressed to Mr. Harper were often eye-opening for him and his information showed him to be knowledgeable.

Committee and Chapter meetings will focus on answering our Chapter challenges. To help determine our commitment and direction, Committees should be meeting in the next few weeks to discuss and list our Chapter strengths and weaknesses. They will present their finding at the November. Local and International projects will also be addressed.

Let's create a successful chapter together and be proud to be in such a prestigious society.

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**Next Meeting**  
**Saturday, November 12**  
**Recommitment Ceremony**

## Jim Harper – Candidate for Indiana State Senator

Mr. Harper took time from his busy schedule to talk to our members after State Senator Ed Charbonneau cancelled his appearance.



Mr. Harper cited three main education areas that are believed to be on the State Legislative Agenda this fall: 1. State Budget; 2. ISTEP; and 3. Pre-K Early Childhood Education. Although there will probably be more money devoted to education, no one has proposed where that money will be directed. There is some talk about changing the funding formula to cover fixed costs and re-instating the Small Schools Grant.

Members expressed questions, concerns, and information about all these topics and more. Our thanks to Mr. Harper for spending time with us.

**VOTE ON  
NOVEMBER 8!**



### Media Review

Kindles and other e-readers were the focus of the Media Review presented by Sheila Akers. Making purchases of books and borrowing e-books from the public library were discussed. Other members expressed their appreciation for their own e-reader devices and were enthusiastic about their use.

### Poster for State Convention

Our Chapter needs to create a poster for the State Convention in April. Please bring your ideas to the next meeting. Perhaps something about our history with photos would be in order!

### Projects in Our Future!

Chapter members are asked to think about viable projects that our Chapter can initiate. A few ideas that were put forth include being pen pals for younger school children with follow-up visits, Let Girls Learn, and mentoring. Two International projects in which we can participate are Mentoring New Teachers and Schools in Africa. We will be discussing ideas these and more ideas at our next meeting

## Fund Raiser

Plans are being made to participate in the North Judson Town-Wide Garage Sale next summer. Please save yard sale items to donate to the cause!

## Chapter Policies Revisions

Sharon Henderson is working on changes which must be made to our current chapter policies which were adopted in 2013. The changes basically entail a complete writing out of policy which used to be covered by "in accordance with the Constitution." Sharon will send the proposed amendments to Sheila Akers to e-mail to Alpha Sigma members prior to the next meeting. The membership decided to conduct an electronic vote to ensure that all will have a vote and that this work will be concluded by the December deadline.



## White Rose – In Memorium

One of our founding members, Mary L. Goodner-Norris passed away on July 9, 2016 in Logansport. She was an elementary school teacher at Riddle Elementary in Rochester.