

Tau Talk

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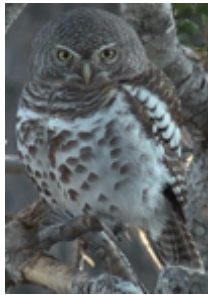
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Don't Give Up The Ship
IN State's theme for 2021-2023



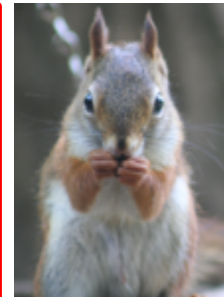
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Owlet #wildearth

Tau's Next Meeting
Thursday, November 18, 2021
Columbus North HS, Multi-Cultural Center; Social Time: 4:15pm, Business: 4:30pm

Hostesses: Members with last names from "I" to "Q" – Sue L will provide water
Program: BCSC Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Program by Kim Easton and Denise Recarte
***Enter North via the bus parking lot area on the Home Ave. side of the building.**

This little red squirrel would like you to think about another one of DKG's Purposes:

To inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.





Our President's Message



"Mom, tell me again how you picked my middle name?" I had asked this question many times over the course of my lifetime, but always loved the way that she told it. This time she said, "I don't know, honey. What is your middle name?" It was then that I knew my mom was slipping away from us.... not in spirit or body...but of the mind.

This answer she gave me one day while we visited caught me fully off guard and I did what you are not supposed to do with any person who has dementia, I said, "Oh, Mom. Of course, you remember," and I proceeded to tell my story. She smiled knowing that she should have remembered...and nodded her head because she wanted to make me happy. While this was the start of loss, it wasn't where it ended. It could have been so much worse. I was blessed that my Mom never faltered in knowing my name, my face, or my love. I will cherish this fact - always.

A quick thing I realized after this day my Mom didn't know my middle name was that things were different now. For example, when she was in a group setting, she leaned away from the conversation and only answered when directly asked a question. Now I can see that the conversation, and truly the world, was going so fast by her that she did well to grab a string of any conversation to hang on to. Some days I, too, feel this way. I hold on to what I know and cradle it for a while knowing that it is truth...and peace...and it feels good.

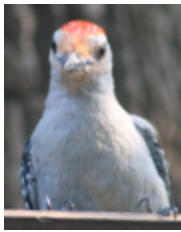
I tell you these things about my Mom as a way to keep her alive in my memory. It has nothing to do with leadership, teaching, our sorority, or much of anything other than the fact that I lost my mom a month ago and I miss her. If you are lucky enough to still have your mom here, give her a call and let her know you are thinking about her. I wish I could. Find out one more tidbit of information that you will cradle knowing that it is truth...and peace...and it feels good.

Thank you for your kindness through cards, prayers, thoughts, donations, and well wishes during this tough time. What has made it easier is knowing that she and my dad are together again, and we will some day have a family reunion. Until then, my middle name is Christine... and I'd be happy to tell you how my Mom gave me that name if you ever want to listen.



Laura's mother, Ruth Keethers, favorite quote was: "It will all work out."
Something we all need to remember.





This Red-Bellied Woodpecker wants to make sure that you knew about Tau's Welcome Bag Project. First some background on this project: All client services at the Clarity Pregnancy Care Center, located in 6 counties, are free due to the generous support of the members of the communities they serve. One of the greatest ways the Centers have to care for the client is by providing free items for mom and baby. Now for Tau's part, Janet Anthony would like us to help celebrate the new babies by packing a "Baby Welcome Bag" filled with items meant to help support and welcome the new one. There is a list at the end of this newsletter of items that would be very welcome to help fill the bags. Please bring as many items as you can from this list.

Remember "Great teachers are the KEY to education!"



**Tau Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Minutes – October 21, 2021
BCSC Administration Building Terrace Room**

Today's Agenda-20 in attendance with our guest, Melissa Gross, Clarity

Welcome:

Pledge

Program:

Clarity - Melissa Gross

- Programs for students include the use of core predictors and Developmental Assets
- Students are recommended to find a "GO TO ADULT" whom they can trust to be advising in the students' best interests
- Setting boundaries is a key concept to get students to practice
- Clarity has 3 programs for students from 6th through high school
- Clarity provides programming for students/families

Bee Project Update - Nora Mitchell

- Nora reminded us of the BARTA/BCS Foundation grant
- She provided rocks for members to take to remember
- She shared how excited the students were to take their field trip downtown, learn about bees in class, and share info with their families

Celebration: Sue Linder - Distinguished Woman Award **June 20, 2021, at State meeting**

- Sue and Bill have worked at the Asbury Church providing lunch for high school students since 2008, sometimes up to 200 students per meal

- Sue Linder works as an IUPUC Student Teacher Supervisor and dedicates so much time to Tau Chapter of DKG as a former president, 1st VP, and 2nd VP and numerous committee leadership roles. She creates Tau Talk Newsletter and the Directory for the Chapter. She also serves on the DKG State Level. Sue was initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma on Aug. 15,1998. Betty Brown Welch was Tau’s President at that time.

Minutes: Lisa Haines - October Minutes (As presented in the Tau Talk)

Treasurer’s Report: Joan Houston (As presented in the Tau Talk)

***Motion Needed to Approve both Minutes and Treasurer’s Report as Presented in the Tau Talk- (Marjorie Schmeckebier made motion, Barb Betz seconded. Approved.)

Membership: Janice Montgomery

- Program organized by Janet Anthony and Shirley Riehn
- Initiation of Jennifer Gafron-present
- (Peggy Meyers, Angie Kirkham-unable to attend)

Marjorie Hooten Fund: Julie Anthers - Updated in Tau Talk

Other

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 18th, Multi-Cultural Center North High School- Enter through bus parking lot. 4:15 Social/4:30 meeting starts

Welcome Bags - Janet Anthony -Please bring supplies to create these bags at our November meeting.

Lotion	1 gown	4 Onesies
Baby Wash/Shampoo	2 bottles	Burp cloths
Newborn or Size 1 diapers	2 bibs	Pacifier
Wipes	3 pair of socks	Towel and wash cloth
Baby toys	2 outfits	Sleep sack
2 Sleepers	2 Receiving blankets	

Adjourned

Submitted by Janice Montgomery for Tau Secretary, Lisa Haines.

**TREASURER’S REPORT
2020-2021**

November 2, 2021

Balance –October 2, 2021 **\$4,459.00**

Receipts

Memorial Donation (in memory of Laura Hack’s mother) 25.00

Disbursements	
Program Donations	100.00
Hospice in honor of Jack Schmeckebier - \$50	
Clarity in honor of Melissa Gross - \$50	
Projects (Elementary Learning Expo)	100.00
Supplies	44.52
Balance – November 2, 2021	\$4,239.49

Submitted by Joan Houston, Tau Treasurer

MARJORIE HOOTEN FUND REPORT

September 2021

Money Market Checking Account

Income

Sale of Principal	\$400.00
Dividend	\$859.78
Memorial	\$25.00
Total Income	\$1284.78

Total Expenses	Grants (non-members)	\$1,000.00
	HA Bootcamp: Jeff Bray, Erica Coy, Deepeka Kapoor, Lauren Adkins, Monica Kaufman	

MM Starting Balance	\$26.59
Income over Expense	\$284.78
Current Balance in Money Market	\$311.37
Income Fund as of 9/30/21	\$132,040.63
Money Market + Income Fund	\$132,352.00

YTD

Grants (non-members)	\$14,148.00
Scholarships (members)	

Submitted by Julie Anthers, Tau Assistant Treasurer



Sedwig wonders if you knew about Tau member, Nora Mitchell, and the first-grade group at L. Frances Smith and their project, “Bees Rock”.



Sedwig, the Spotted Eagle Owllet on #wildearth



Bees Rock Even in a Pandemic

Tau member, Nora Mitchell, updated us on all of the completed buzz around the L. Frances Smith’s First Grade Bees Rock Grant Project.

First Graders researched facts about bees and wrote reports that were displayed at the Bartholomew County Public Library. Students, then, painted and hid bee designed rocks throughout downtown Columbus while visiting the many bee related Discover Columbus Installations. One of their bee rocks even flew to Canada!



During virtual learning days, teachers did their best to be positive! There were a swarm of photos being posted on their Bees Rock Facebook page! So many rocks had been found and hid again! Google slides were created showing various flowering vegetation throughout Columbus. First Grade worker bees were un-bee-lieveable at synthesizing whether bees would pollinate the flower.

In closing, attending Tau members received a painted ladybug rock to befriend their bee rock and/or to hide the ladybug rock in the community!



Tau’s October meeting proved once again that teachers can be flexible. The meeting started in the Terrace Room in the BCSC Administration Building and wrapped up in the main hallway leading to the Terrace Room. While in the Terrace Room, Tau members learned about Clarity’s Educational Programs and L. Frances Smith’s first grade project on bees.



Melissa Gross presented Clarity’s Educational Programs for the schools to our members.



Nora Mitchell gave members an update on the Bee Project the first-grade students at L. Frances Smith have been working on this project thanks to a grant from BARTA/BCS Foundation.



The meeting continued after everyone moved to the area just outside the Terrace Room.

Janet Anthony, Shirley Riehn and Dr. Laura Hack led the ceremony to induct Jennifer Gafron into Delta Kappa Gamma, Tau Chapter. (L. to R. – Janet Anthony, Jennifer Gafron, and Shirley Riehn.)

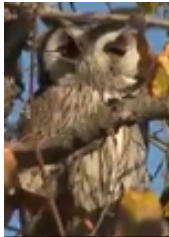




Sue Linder was recognized for receiving one of the Women of Distinction Awards at the Indiana State meeting, June 20, 2021.



As with all of Tau's meetings, those who attend the meetings would like to thank everyone who provides the treats.



White-Faced Owl
#wildearth

Don't forget that DKG groups can be found at:

<https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/iCore/Communities/CommunitiesList.aspx>

Please contact Trish Woodley at trishw@dkg.org if you would like to create a new Community or have a question about the Communities.

Remember the IN State photo gallery has photos from chapters around the state on the website: <https://www.dkgindiana.org>. There is always a chance that you might see some pictures from Tau.

You can learn about our DKG history if you go to this site:

https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/About_Us/History/DKGMember/About_Us/History.aspx?hkey=c12ca5a3-6f75-4e8a-9b3e-4b530c483d6d

And you can learn more about our DKG Founders if you go to this site:

https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/About_Us/Founders/DKGMember/About_Us/Founders.aspx?hkey=dffb0b5b-718b-4091-b3f6-f912f9106086



Keeping Up With Our Tau Sisters



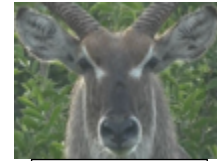
To our Tau members who have birthdays in November we hope each of you have a fantastic birthday!



Nora Mitchell – Nov. 7
Janice Montgomery – Nov. 7
Laura Wolf – Nov. 9

Gwen Wilkerson – Nov. 12
Rosalie Pfister – Nov. 13
Nancy Welsch – Nov. 28

Tau members, once again this Waterbuck would like you to double check to make sure that your birthday is part of your listing in Tau's Directory, that is if you want your birthday posted in *Tau Talk*. ☺



Waterbuck
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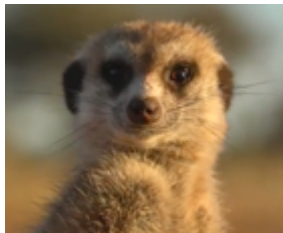


If you know of a member who is sick, is grieving because of losing a loved one, needs to be cheered up, or for any special reason the member might need to know we are thinking of them, please let Janice Montgomery know and Janice will send a card.

(Janice: lmont72@comcast.net or 812-390-9023)



Remember, if you have a joy that you would like to share in *Tau Talk*, please send the information to Sue (slinder64@mac.com). Maybe, you are celebrating an addition to your family, maybe you are experiencing the start of your retirement, or you have finally been able to travel to an area that you really enjoyed. This is one more opportunity to share with everyone what has been a joy in our lives.



Meerkat
#wildearth

This meerkat is still reminding you to double check your information. **If you have changes to your name, address, school, phone, or e-mail address you need to send the changes to the following:**

1. **Janice Montgomery** at lmont72@comcast.net or to Janice Montgomery, 2129 Dale Ct., Columbus, IN 47203
2. **Sue Linder** at slinder64@mac.com or to Sue Linder, 3242 Westenedge Dr., Columbus, IN 47203.
3. **Delta Kappa Gamma Society International** at the **DKG website**, www.dkg.org Edit your information once you have logged in to the website.
4. **Joan Houston** at pjhouston@sbcglobal.net or to Joan Houston, 3055 Seneca Court, Columbus, IN 47203



Dates to Remember



Indiana State Organization

(For more information, please check the latest issue of *The Hoosier Newsette*.)

- FAR (Fall Arts Retreat) – November 13, 9am to 3pm at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Noblesville
- State Conference in Danville, IN (Hendricks County Fairgrounds) – April 23, 2022

Tau Chapter

- April 14, 2022 – at Parkside Elementary School (The location could change.) @ 4:15pm (Social Time), 4:30pm (Business)
 - Hostesses: Members with last names from “R” to “Z”
- May meeting date and time is yet to be determined.

DKG Society International Conferences/Conventions

(For more information on International events, go to this website:

https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/DKGMember/DKG_Events.aspx?hkey=ad37c503-507c-4cdd-adc2-af1550fa919f)

- International Convention – New Orleans, LA – July 12-16,2022

DKG Social Media Accounts

Check these out:

- Facebook: www.facebook.com/dkgorg
 - For Indiana’s group and you who are already on Facebook: go to **DKG Indiana**, click “Like” to become a page member
- Twitter: @DKG_SI
- Instagram: @DKGSI
- LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/company/delta-kappa-gamma-society-international
- Pinterest: www.pinterest.com/DKGSII/
- You Tube: www.youtube.com/user/DKGAustin



Websites

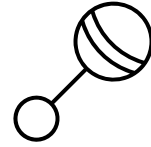
- DKG Society International: www.dkg.org
- Indiana State DKG: www.dkgindiana.org
- Tau Chapter: www.deltakappagamma.org/IN-tau/



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Items for Baby Shower in a Bag



Lotion

Baby Wash/shampoo

Newborn diapers

Size 1 diapers

Wipes

Baby Toy

2 Sleepers

1 Gown

2 Bottles

3 Bibs

3 Socks

2 Outfit

3 Receiving Blankets

2 Blankets

4 Onesies

Burp Cloths

Pacifier

Towel and wash cloth

Sleep sack