



Alpha Zeta Gazette

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Alpha Epsilon State

Alpha Zeta Chapter of Huntington, Wabash, Whitley and Marion Counties in
Indiana

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of women educators and excellence in education.

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Alpha Zeta sisters,

As I typed the date, January 1, 2016, I thought how can that be? I still occasionally start writing 19... as I fill in a check. I can honestly say I am looking forward to a new year and a new phase of my life. I have been in Florida since Dec. 6...enjoying golf, bike riding, swimming, reading, and meeting lots of people. When talking to my brother-in-law in Durango, Colorado yesterday, I mentioned it is to get cold here tomorrow. The high will be 68°. He had no sympathy for me as it was 7° in Durango. It is easy to forget the weather in other places.

I hope to see all of you January 16th at our meeting in Huntington. Sue Corbin is presenting our program, Autism. Roxanne gave us a preview at the last meeting. This is a program you really don't want to miss. Plus you can earn a PGP. I will be there...will you? Barb Buroker graciously took over as hostess committee chairman since Kathy Holst has temporarily moved to Florida with family.

Registration for Alpha Epsilon State Conference, April 23, in Terre Haute is due March 25th. The registration form is in the December Hoosier Newsette and online. As Jo Ann Manes said in her message "Fellowship is found in all our chapters. There are times you need to be renewed. You need to meet other DKG sisters and join us in our state activities." Attending a state conference is a great opportunity for renewal. And of course...you can also renew by attending the 2016 International Convention in Nashville, Tennessee.

Did you read the article by Karen Kinney in the inaugural issue of Collegial Exchange? It is exciting when a well-deserving teacher and Alpha Zeta member is recognized in print. Congratulations, Karen.

Also congratulations to Angie Grable and Kirsten Jines. Both were initiated as members at our November meeting. We also welcomed a transfer member, Karen Miller from Marion. I look forward to getting know these new Alpha Zeta members and enthusiastic teachers.

I will be gathering information from all committee chairmen. All of the state reports...except necrology...have been combined into one. The chapter president now submits all information on one form instead of several doing reports. This should streamline the process. And I am still tossing ideas around in my mind for working on our strategic action plan. ☺

I will see you in a couple of weeks at Evangelical United Methodist Church in Huntington on January 16th. Remember this meeting starts at 9:00 am. I hope you had a blessed Christmas and I wish you a great new year.

Carol

Alpha Zeta January Meeting

Meeting date: January 16, 2016

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Evangelical United Methodist Church

1000 Flaxmill Road, Huntington, IN

Cost: \$5.00

Reservations due: January 13th

E-mail your reservations or regrets to Barb Buroker

e-mail: bjburoker@gmail.com

telephone: 260/ 356-5718 (home)

260/ 224-2906 (cell)

Continental Breakfast begins at 9:00 a.m.

Bagels w/ cream cheese and/or butter, fruit, yogurt, muffins, breads or coffee cake, juice, coffee, hot tea, and hot chocolate.

Hostess Committee:

Barb Buroker, chairman Ann Ambler, Michelle Edington,

Barba Eickhoff, Carol Herzog, Karen Kinney, Barbara Spaulding

Directions to Evangelical United Methodist Church

1000 Flaxmill Road, Huntington, IN

* from the North or East , take 9/24 bypass around Huntington. Past the stoplights at the Hospital and at Jefferson Street (Bob Evans on the left). Turn left at the next light, Flaxmill Road. The church is on the left.

*from the North on Highway 5, at the Jefferson Street stoplight (Pizza Hut on left), turn right on 9/24. Turn left at the next stoplight, Flaxmill Road. The church is on the left.

*from the West on Highway 24 turn left on the stoplight at the intersection of 9/24. Turn right at the next stoplight, Flaxmill Road. The church is on the left.

*from the South on State Rd 9. Continue past the 9/24 intersection. The next stoplight is Flaxmill Road. Turn right and the church is on the left.

Information about the January meeting

From Roxanne Thomas, First Vice President

Autism now affects 1 in 68 children and 1 in 42 boys according to statistics published by "Autism Speaks." It is one of the fastest growing developmental diseases in the United States.

Sue Corbin, Alpha Zeta member, will present our program at our January meeting about autism. Sue will give up information on what this disease is and how we can help students that are on the autism spectrum. She will be doing hands-on activities to help us understand how autism affects people. Sue will also share information about evidence-based practices that are being used in classrooms.

There will be participations and samples on the interventions to look at.

This program qualifies for a Professional Growth Point. Who could you invite to hear this informative program? I am looking forward to learning what is new when teaching children that are on the autism spectrum. See you in Huntington!

Minutes of AZ November meeting

President Carol Winterholter called the meeting of the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma to order on November 21, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Grace Lutheran Church of Columbia City, Indiana. Barbara Overdeer offered prayer and gave instructions for the breakfast of casseroles, sweetbreads and drinks. Pretty fall decorations were on each table. The Hostess Committee was chairman Linda Sutton, Mindy Bloomfield, Judith Mugg, Pat Reed, Kathaleen Reese, and Karen Swineheart.

Two new members were initiated, Angie Grable and Kirsten Jines. Angie was sponsored by Mindy Bloomfield and Roxanne Thomas. Kirsten was sponsored by Darlene Bockleman. Mary Catherine Palmer stood in the place of Mindy Bloomfield who was unable to attend. Those participating in the contemporary initiation ceremony were Carol Winterholter, Roxanne Thomas, Carol Herzog and Linda Sutton. To end the ceremony the Delta Kappa Gamma song was sung accompanied by Joyle Allen. A receiving line welcomed the new members.

The secretary's report and the treasurer's report were accepted as printed.

A question of membership was asked by President Carol Winterholter and it was noted that there was one member dropped because of location overseas, but she will be reinstated at some point. Two more have resigned.

Correspondence: Janet Vesa had received correspondence from Cindy Webber that she needed to resign due to work and family obligations. Darlene Bockleman received word that Kim Swain needed to resign as well. Barbara Overdeer moved that the resignations be accepted with regret, Karen Kinney

seconded and the motion passed. A letter will be sent letting them know of the action.

Nominations: Karen Bandelier noted that it is time for the nominations committee to seek candidates to fill the 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Recording secretary, and 2 nominating committee positions for 2016 and 2017.

Program: Roxanne Thomas noted that the next meeting will be January 16, 2016 at the Huntington Evangelical United Methodist Church at 9:00, with Sue Corbin giving the program on autism.

Personal Growth: Karen Kinney asked each member to state her name, what she teaches or had taught, and what her favorite hobby is.

Legislative: Carol Winterholter reported on legislative and related articles she had found in an Indianapolis newspaper, some of them rather discouraging in what they are proposing for education's future. One legislator is proposing a bill to keep teachers in Indiana by helping with their educational costs if they will agree to teach in Indiana for 5 years. Salaries are not an inducement for students to accept that. Another bill wants to require high schools to offer at least 2 college credit courses, but that requires teachers who teach those courses to have master's degrees and very few teachers have that level of education because of continuing education requirements. ISTEP is causing multiple problems for teachers and school systems. On a good note, a high school teen in Indianapolis has started her version of Blessings in a Backpack under another name, but she is helping provide food for her hungry fellow students.

Project: A display was on a table for donations as our chapter's contributions to the Blessings in a Backpack in several counties.

The fine and scholarship boxes were passed.

All reports that are due on Feb. 1 are now to be combined into one report and sent in by Carol Winterholter. She will be contacting the chairmen for information.

Any articles in various local newspapers about FAR (Fine Arts Retreat) that was held in Marion should be saved and given to Carol Winterholter. Barb Baroker reported that Karen Kinney presented a project of Zentangle. Carol Herzog presented two projects, one a bookmark made of duct tape and the other a beside-the-phone message stand. Carol Winterholter was the registrar and also led movement activities. Brenda Landis attended. In two years the next FAR will be in southern Indiana.

Membership: Mary Palmer read several names of people from Wabash County, recommended by Brenda Landis for membership in Delta Kappa Gamma. Members approved the names. Mary will contact them about their interest in joining and possibly attending the January meeting.

The State Conference will be held in Terre Haute on April 23, 2016.

Carol Herzog has been recommended as a candidate to be on the International Nominations Committee for Delta Kappa Gamma.

Barba Eickhoff said she will continue as the webmaster until a replacement is found. She is hoping someone will volunteer.

The chapter needs to form a Strategic Action Plan Committee. The first step will be to make a questionnaire for members to express opinions.

Cheer: Victoria Eastman's grandson has been in our prayers, is doing better, but still needs prayer. Judy Jordan is home, but is going to move to Grace Village in assisted living where she can get the care she needs, since her caregivers are leaving.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m. and members walked or drove a block to the Thomas R. Marshall Historical Museum where Dani Tippman gave a tour of the home and told stories of Thomas R. Marshall that helped to make him come alive. The house/museum has furniture such as a bed, a couch, and dining room set that had actually belonged to the Marshalls. It was a worthwhile and interesting lesson in history, thanks to Dani's research and story-telling abilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Kolb, recording secretary, pro tem

2014-2016 ALPHA ZETA OFFICERS

President..... Carol Winterholder

First Vice President..... Roxanne Thomas

Second Vice President.....Linda Sutton

Recording Secretary.....Judith Ward

Corresponding SecretaryJanet Vesa

Treasurer.....Darlene Bockelman

Parliamentarian.....Carol Herzog

Immediate Past President.....Victoria Eastman

Web Coordinator

Editor's note – this information was in the last newsletter but it is important that we continue our search for a member, willing to take on this responsibility. Please read then check out the included internet site. This position as web coordinator may be for you.

Can you type, save pictures to a computer, and upload pictures to a website? Are you looking for a way to promote our society? Then being our web coordinator may be the job for you. Barba served wonderfully in this position for years and now needs to pass it on to someone else. She suggests that the next web coordinator follow the recommendation of International and use Weebly. Instructions on how to create a website are available on the DKG website. Instructions are on YouTube. Here is one of the sites.

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/livestream/channel3.php?code=e9t1kp3MPFg>

Weebly How-To Instruction Videos

Step 1. A Weebly Site and Header

Step 2. Design Options

Step 3. Build Features

Step 4. Adding Pages to Weebly

Step 5. Creating Links

Step 6. Publish & View Live Website

Please take a few minutes to watch a video. This may be the exact job for you.

Mark Your Calendar

Alpha Zeta meetings

March 19, 2016, Marion

April 30, 2016, North Manchester

September 17, 2016, Columbia City

Alpha Epsilon State Conference, Terre Haute

April 23, 2016

Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention

Nashville, Tennessee at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center

July 5, 2016 - July 9, 2016

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