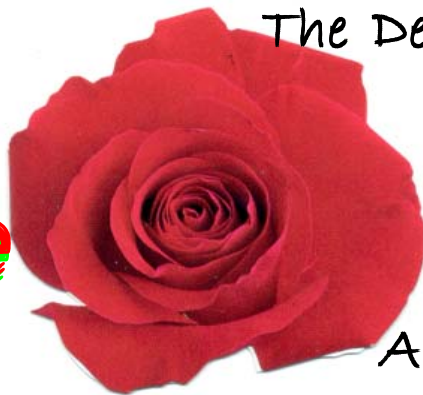


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Help Yourself by Helping Sigma in February

by President Pat Jaracz

As Sigma readies for our meeting at Borders, don't forget our mitten tree. Bring warm mittens, hats, or scarves for needy children in our schools.

May all Delta Kappa Gamma members, families, and friends enjoy a blessed holiday season and a fortuitous new year. Do your New Year's resolutions include "getting organized?" Great! Go through your teaching materials and weed out anything that is still in good condition but no longer of use to you. Bring these items to our Feb. 12 meeting, 4 p.m., at Edison School in Hammond. Price them reasonably so that they can be sold as a fundraiser for Sigma Chapter. Our program at that meeting is an overview of the Delta Kappa Gamma/UNICEF outreach in Afghanistan. Hope to see you then!



The Bigger Picture!

April 18-19, 2009 -- Alpha Epsilon State,
South Bend

(Council I is exploring feasibility of offering a bus
to South Bend for Saturday! Stay tuned!)

July 2009 -- Northeast Conference,
Burlington, VT.

July 2010 -- International, Spokane, WA

July 2011 -- Northeast Conference, Hershey, PA

Meeting at a glance ...

Thursday, Dec. 11, 4 p.m.

Borders Bookstore

Indianapolis Blvd., Highland

Greeters: Linda Petersen, Marcie Kiser

Explore seasonal books; mitten tree

Keep up with Sigma Chapter at:

www.lakenetnwi.net/member/sigmadkg



Society History, Information, and Etiquette ...

Although some consider attendance at meetings voluntary, others question why attendance is not mandatory. In the not-so-distant past attendance was mandatory. Missing meetings for many ordinary reasons could result in suspension of one's membership. Later members were required to contact the president in advance of missing a meeting. More recently, meetings have been arranged urging members to attend portions of meetings when busy schedules don't cooperate.

As members you have paid dues. Get the most benefit of membership dues by attending all meetings. No one can judge the importance or benefits of chapter meetings unless she is in attendance at all meetings. At the very least, do contact your president should you be forced to miss a meeting.

Sigmas, antiquers, friends come out to "flo



od" Margot Blocher



Six join Sigma



Terri Woods



Nicole Beal



Debbie Bugajski



Christine Cashen



Nancy Snider



Sara Marlow



State Representative Linda Lawson, guest speaker, proved she was very pro-teacher.

September Meeting Minutes ...

The September meeting of Sigma Chapter was held Sept. 11 at Jefferson School; 36 members attended. After snacks provided by new president Pat Jaracz, the business meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m. President Jaracz opened by reading a bit of history of the founders. The minutes were approved as amended.

Linda Luttringer gave the treasurer's report, which was filed for review. Mary Zelencik presented the proposed budget. The chapter assessment of 25 cents per active member due to Council I was explained. The new method for assessing the state scholarship was explained, our assessment being \$39.80. The figure is: number of members X 25 cents + \$5.

Shirley Hewlett reported on the Council I meeting, which is made up of the seven chapters attending the Birthday Brunch. The Brunch is scheduled for March 14 at the Avalon on Route 30.

Alpha Epsilon State will host the International Convention in 2014. AE is responsible for Indiana Night entertainment. The amount of \$2,000 has already been earned toward this expense. Each chapter has been asked to donate something for a silent auction at the State Convention in April. Carolyn Borchardt will chair our donation.

Carolyn then reported on the CCOTs meeting in Columbus and how helpful and informative it is for officers and committee chairs.

Shirley Hewlett moved that we accept Judy Musselman as a reserve member, since she meets the criteria for reserve membership. Carolyn Borchardt seconded; the motion passed.

President Jaracz read a letter of resignation from Sue Dubczak, which the membership voted to accept.

Seven women were nominated for membership, and welcoming gifts will be issued by their sponsors. These women will be our guests at the October meeting.

President Jaracz initiated a sharing time for members to offer helpful hints about school. Several gave ideas.

Kathy Arbuckle, scholarship chairman, stated that two years ago she had received only one application. It was suggested that we contact local high schools for names of recent graduates to be considered for this scholarship.

Corky Eisenmenger received her 50-year pin.

Judie Sidenbender moved that Sigma nominate Shirley Hewlett for Alpha Epsilon State recording secretary and Carolyn Borchardt for AE State corresponding secretary. The motion passed.

Carson's Community Day Coupons are still available.

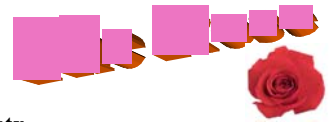
The Initiation Banquet will be Nov. 13 at Centennial Clubhouse in Munster. The Retirement Tea is set for May 15 at Scarborough Faire in Schererville.

Musical selections were led by Judie Sidenbender and Tis Secondino. President Jaracz gave closing words; the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

--Sue O'Donnell, Sigma Chapter Recording Secretary

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