

# Delta Chi Dateline

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## Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

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is the monthly publication of the Delta Chi Chapter, Alpha Delta State, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

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### Mission Statement

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

## Linda's Updates

Dear Delta Chi Sisters,

A big thanks to all who made our first meeting go smoothly. A special thanks to Melody for setting everything up even though she was unable to attend. Thank You Stacie Ishmael for stepping in and taking care of things and to Kathy Sabo, Marge Edwards and Sharon Ward. Thanks also goes to Mary Jane Kaufman for arranging our speaker and making the introduction.

Our speaker Donna Myers started the evening with information about the Alpha Delta State Educational scholarships and what was available to members. Next she spoke about the Mazza Museum. What an interesting place!



She spoke about the skills that can be taught through picture books and children's literature and how these skills fit in with "Common Core". She explained how teachers can learn to teach various reading techniques at the Mazza as well as view original pieces of art work donated by the authors of many Children's books. Sounds like a fabulous place to visit and for teachers to gain knowledge. There will be a weekend conference

in November that includes dinner with some artists and talks by authors and illustrators. The conference can be taken for credit, if anyone is interested in attending.

On October 13th we have six members who will be attending the Joint Chapter Luncheon at Clovernook Country Club with Artist and Caricaturist C.F. Payne. Melody, Stacie, Marti, Janet, Linda Sebastian and I will represent Delta Chi. On October 20th Betsy and I will attend the Executive Board Meeting in Columbus. Betsy will report on the biennium that she has been working on and that will take place here in Cincinnati the summer of 2019. Reports on the luncheon and the board meeting will be in the newsletter next month.

Our next meeting will be October 25th at Amelia Methodist Church 19 E. Main Street. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE FROM WHAT IS LISTED IN OUR BOOK. Katie Peters will speak to us about Foster care and Candy Meadors's granddaughter Jessica Stevenson will give us some first hand information on being a foster parent. Hopefully from this meeting we will get an idea for a project to adopt. A project on Foster Care is a Gold Key requirement.

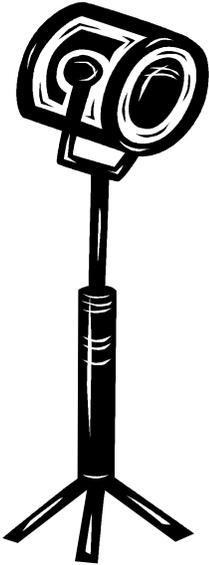
I hope everyone will be able to attend.

See you the 25th!

Linda

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## In the Spotlight—Melissa Daniels



### Where do you teach or where have you taught?

I am currently the intervention specialist at Goshen’s Ascend Academy. I taught at Goshen High School for 7 years, Goshen Middle School for 7 years, and Highlands Middle and High Schools for 6 years.

### What grade or subject area did you teach?

Currently 9-12 Intervention. Previously 6-12 Intervention.

### How long have you been a member of Delta Chi?

I became a member in May, 2017, and I truly enjoy the fellowship.

### Tell us about your family.

My husband James and I live in Loveland. Daughter, Sarah, is 20 and is a student at University of Cincinnati, studying Biology and Education. Son, Eric, is 5 and just started Kindergarten.

### Hobbies:

Photography, traveling, swimming.

### Volunteer work:

Advocating for people with disabilities through community involvement. Tutoring struggling young readers.

### What do you do for fun?

I am actively involved in my church, Riverhills Christian Church of Fayetteville.



### Share one favorite memory of teaching.

Last spring, I had a student who dropped out 3 months shy of graduation. I worked hard and finally convinced her to return. She graduated in May despite so many obstacles.

### What would you like us to know about you?

I am a passionate supporter of quality education for ALL students.

## October

### Delta Chi Meeting

RSVP Deadline:

October 16, 2018

Please respond to

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jschoellman@cinci.rr.com

## Treasurer’s Report



An updated treasurer’s report will be distributed at our next meeting.

### DUES REMINDER

Dues: \$73.00 (\$45.00 Reserve) to me by no later than October 20.

If you need to have your book mailed to you: \$5.00.

If you want your newsletter mailed to you instead of emailed: \$5.00

You can mail your dues, and mailing costs, if applicable, to me at:

Janet Davidson

2241 Weil Rd.

Moscow, OH 45153

## October Meeting

September's meeting was a wonderful start to our new year. Attendance was up and our speaker, Donna Myers was very interesting. Thanks to Mary Jane Kaufman for booking her and to Melody Newman for making the arrangements. October's meeting also promises to be very interesting as well as an opportunity for us to give back. The topic will be all about foster care, something that Alpha Delta State is encouraging all local chapter so explore. We are blessed to have two speakers. One is Katie Peters who is the Assistant Director of Out of Home Care with Child Focus and the other is Candy Meadors's own granddaughter, Jessica Stevenson, who is a foster care mother. We look

forward to gaining information about the Foster Care Program. Proceeds from the night's raffle will go toward foster care. As President Salzer previously emailed, the meeting will be held on Thursday, October 25th (instead of Tuesday, the 23rd) at the Amelia Methodist Church, 19 E. Main St., in downtown Amelia. As in September, check in time will be at **5:45**, the meal, program, and business meeting to begin at **6:00**, and adjournment at **8:00**. This worked well in September with everyone being prompt and we were able to stay on schedule. The evening's meal will be from Jimmy John's and should cost around \$10. Again, please bring cash instead of expecting to pay with credit card or check.

House of Peace items for October include diapers (sizes 3,4,5) and pull-ups (2T,3T,4T). Thanks to everyone's generosity in September, Jan Denny took home a car load of paper products along with \$62 in cash.

Again, reservations/regrets for this meeting are due by Oct.18 to Jan Schoellman. She can be reached by email [jschoellman@cinci.rr.com](mailto:jschoellman@cinci.rr.com) or by phone (H) 513-625-9624 or © 513-582-1124. Hope to see you there.

Jan Schoellman



## October Birthdays

- 10-9 Judy Mouch
- 10-21 Carolyn McIntosh
- 10-21 Tori Herrera

## House of Peace

### SEPTEMBER

#### HOUSE OF PEACE

The following items were donated or purchased:

- 12 Boxes Facial Tissues;
- 70 Rolls Toilet Tissue;
- 60 Rolls Paper Towels;
- 760 Napkins;
- 9 Hotel Size Shampoo;
- 14 Hotel Size Conditioner;
- 2 2019 Calendars

Thanks to everyone who donated items or money.

By: Jan Denny

### OCTOBER

#### HOUSE OF PEACE

Remember to bring to the October meeting:

- Diapers Sizes 3, 4, 5;
- Pull-ups 2T, 3T, 4T

Remember, I will shop for you, just bring cash, or a check made out to:

JANICE M. DENNY

Thanks for all you do for House of Peace.

By: Jan Denny

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# *Congratulations to Martha Kleinfelter*

## **Clermont County League of Women Voters Sue Craig Champion Award**



Martha Kleinfelter has been a league member since 2000. She joined because as a Live Oaks government teacher, she wanted to provide her students with accurate, nonpartisan information so they could make well-informed decisions on their own. The league offered her a way to find and provide good information on a neutral basis. Marti believes in the league because of its mission to provide good voter education and encourage people to become interested in their local, state and federal governments. She likes working with people who also are dedicated to the mission.

In her years with the league, she has taken on several leadership roles, starting with the Now You Are 18 program. She chaired the committee that hosts the Suffragist Event, has been secretary and president. She has served on the state league board for two years. She is assigned to four committees: Personnel, development, by-laws and membership. She enjoys her service on the state board because she can make sure the local leagues are more aware of what the state organization is doing.

She wants the Clermont County league to grow and become the organization people can rely on for solid election information. The league is an important part of the political process, Marti said.

Winning the award means a lot to Marti. She was humbled by the recognition and honored people thought her contributions meant something. Her contributions made the Clermont County League of Women Voters a stronger organization.

(Written by Theresa L. Herron.)

## **Southern Ohio Outstanding Senior Volunteer Award**

Martha Kleinfelter from Milford was the top award winner in the annual Southern Ohio Outstanding Senior Volunteer Awards program sponsored by Medical Mutual of Ohio.

At a breakfast earlier this month (May 2) at the Savannah Center in West Chester Township, four volunteers age 60 and over were honored for giving their time in a selfless, caring manner to Cincinnati area charitable and nonprofit organizations.

They were recognized for their commitment to enhancing the quality of life for people in their communities.

Ms. Kleinfelter was nominated by CASA for Clermont Kids. She is dedicated to protecting the rights of children who have the misfortune of landing in Clermont County's juvenile court system. As a Court Appointed Special Advocate for Clermont Kids, or CASA as it's known, Martha pours her passion into supporting the best interests of abused and neglected children.

CASA recruits and trains involved local citizens to serve as a child's advocate and judge-appointed court representative. The organization's mission is to advocate for the best interests of these children and that's just what Ms. Kleinfelter does. She believes each child is entitled to a safe, loving and permanent home. She works tirelessly to provide recommendations so a judge knows if a child should return home, remain in foster care or be considered for adoption.

She has been a dedicated and humble volunteer for four years. In addition to her case work, she is essential in helping CASA run its annual fundraiser and other events. Ms. Kleinfelter is a hard worker, considerate and always willing to help. She can be counted on to go above and beyond when assigned to represent a child and CASA for Clermont Kids is grateful for all of her efforts.

In addition to Ms. Kleinfelter, the other top award winners and the organizations they serve include:

Kathy Randall of Loveland, (Gold award) nominated by the Girl Scouts of Western Ohio.

J.C. Robinson of Cincinnati, (Silver award) nominated by the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Cincinnati.

Nancy and Dean Swartz of Liberty Township, (Bronze award) nominated by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Westchester/Liberty.

Outstanding Senior Volunteer Award nominations are submitted by community organizations throughout the region that have first-hand knowledge of exceptional volunteers.

These seniors exemplify Medical Mutual's mission of improving our communities through service and leaving a positive legacy for future generations.

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## Legislative Report

### State School Board Discusses Budget Planning

State Board of Education members and Superintendent Paolo DeMaria talked through both how they'd shoulder big cuts and where they'd like to see funding increases as they discussed planning for the FY20-21 budget Monday.

DeMaria and Ohio Department of Education (ODE) budget chief Aaron Rausch presented outlines for two funding scenarios that the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) has asked agencies to plan for -- 90 percent of prior-year funding, and flat funding. DeMaria also prepared an appendix to the official budget submission to express board members' priorities for additional spending should the administration and lawmakers make additional money available. For the 90 percent scenario, DeMaria said the resulting 10 percent cut equates to about \$50 million in General Revenue Fund (GRF) reductions. The general approach he took in preparing this plan, he said, was to eliminate earmarks, capture underspending, identify minimum state funding needed to draw down federal money, limit cuts to student-focused programs; add money to accountability operations to supplant one-time funding used for that purpose in the current budget; and apply a 13.2 percent cut to all other operating line items across the board. Notable reductions in this scenario include a 5 percent cut in funding for early childhood education and 10 percent cuts to funding for EdChoice expansion voucher and state support to private schools.

The flat-funding scenario DeMaria described as "uninteresting," noting a reduction in earmarks, capture of underspending, and the need to back-fill the one-time accountability funding outlined in the 90 percent scenario. Board priorities for spending beyond 100 percent of the previous budget identified by DeMaria include the fol-

lowing;

- Increased funding for early childhood education to enable more students to enroll.
- Increased funding for school improvement through educational service centers and state support teams.
- Meeting the needs of the whole child by increasing support for integrating community and health services into schools.
- Increased support for teacher and principal professional development, including for the implementation of positive behavioral interventions and supports (PBIS).

Those priorities also align to goals of the state's recently approved strategic plan, DeMaria noted.

Regarding the strategic plan, board member Charlotte McGuire said she wanted to make sure the board was actually advocating for funding amounts that reflect its commitment to the plan.

"Having a plan, we should work our plan, and be sure that we advocate as a unified group for our priorities. Otherwise, why have a plan if you are not going to work that plan?" she said. "If we feel strongly about this plan, the money should reflect that."

Board member Laura Kohler asked if the board would be sending mixed messages by calling for increased early childhood funding among its priorities while proposing cuts in another funding scenario. DeMaria said the 5 percent cut to such programs in the 90 percent scenarios would reflect a desire to protect the program from otherwise larger cuts, but added that it's difficult to hold a line item of that size harmless amid the need to cut \$50 million.

Board member Stephanie Dodd said she struggled a bit with the lack of specific funding amounts attached to the board priorities. DeMaria said he didn't want to seem like he was breaking the rules of the budget develop-

ment process. Board member Kara Morgan suggested the department could provide some dollar figures as guidance, for example pointing out how many additional students could be served for every \$1 million added to early childhood programs.

Dodd also questioned the need for the millions of dollars ODE proposes to provide for accountability to make up for the loss of one-time funding, asking what the minimum funding necessary is for an online report card that isn't "fancy."

DeMaria said ODE staff would follow up with a breakdown of accountability expenses. But he said the appearance of the report card isn't where the bulk of expenses are; the state's vendor contract for value-added data calculations constitutes a large chunk of that spending, for example.

Board member Lisa Woods said the budget does not seem to reflect the strategic plan's vision of less testing. DeMaria said the request has to be cognizant of current-law requirements for testing, but he noted the board still has recommendations before the General Assembly on further testing cuts. He also told her that many tests are administered and required as a result of local school decisions, not the state's.