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Mission Statement

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

Presidents' News

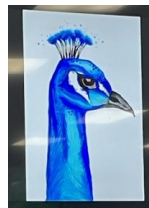
Hope you are enjoying these beautiful days as we enter Autumn. I begin my mornings from my deck observing the changes of the season which brings me a sense of peace. May you start your day in your special way.



Joan and I were pleased to have many of you in attendance for our September meeting to hear our speaker, Kate Carlier Currie. Kate spoke about her special project titled *Illustrated*

Memoir Project For Refugees.

It engages newly immigrant and refugee students in the Cincinnati Public School District to write and illustrate their own memoirs in their native language. The books are then printed in their native language and usually English. Plans are on going to have the students share their books with younger students with the hope of fostering empathy and understanding of others. Kate believes that the authors sharing their stories can build understanding of their strength, resiliency, unique ways of knowing and seeing the world. It was inspiring to view many of the finished memoirs. You can find more information about this project at WWW.MAKETANKINC.ORG



Thank you, Kate, for sharing your amazing project!

Who is that outstanding educator you have thought about nominating for membership but haven't? Our October meeting will be your chance. It is simple. We will have DKG Prospect Cards. You need your nominee's address, phone number, school district and just write on the back a short paragraph why you are nominating this individual. We will take it from there. Our plan is to meet with the candidates in November and invite them to our Christmas Auction to get to know us. Choose someone whom you really want in Delta Chi. Don't eliminate her because you assume she would say no. Let her decide.

Our next meeting is Tuesday October 10 at CCESC. Check-in as always is 5:45 pm Our speaker will be Jackie Dieckman. She will share a presentation on the Cincinnati Zoo.

Please bring your favorite appetizer to share if your last name starts with B - K. Reservations/ Regrets by October 3 to Darla at Smithd@goshenlocalschools.org or call 513-706-6757.

If you have items to donate to our Fall Basket for the joint luncheon please bring them to the October meeting.

Hugs,
Melody

Photos courtesy of Betsy Foreman and Melody Newman

In Memory –Candace (Candy) Meadors



Candy Meadors had a lifelong love for her hometown of Goshen, Ohio. She considered her community a great place to grow up, live, and grow old in. Her family included three children, six grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and two sisters. She was a member of Delta Chi since 2017. She loved to travel, play golf and cards, and was an avid Reds fan.

Candy taught Kindergarten and First Grade at Marr/Cook Elementary, her alma mater, for her entire career, from 1997-2013. After retirement she was a trusted full time sub for the Goshen school system.

Candy gave years long service to the Goshen Alumni Association, greatly contributing to its success. She was also active in the Clermont County Retired Teachers Association. She will also be remembered for her efforts in causes she believed in, such as the importance of education and the needs of foster children. Those who had occasion to know say that when Candy took a job, it was done well!

A memorial donation may be made to the Goshen Alumni Scholarship fund, PO. Box 113, Goshen, OH 45122.

House of Peace

SEPTEMBER HOUSE OF PEACE

The following items were donated to the House of Peace this month:

24 Colored Markers; 59 Washable Colored Markers; 24 Colored Pencils; 3 Boxes of 8 Large Crayons; 7 Boxes of 24 Crayons; 6 Highlighters; 142 #2 Pencils; 6 4oz. Bottles Elmer's Glue; 12 Erasers; 20 Pencil Top Erasers; 4 Pads of 100 Sheets of Stick on Notes; 5 Pads of 40 Sheets of Stick on Notes; 4 Packs of 150 Sheets of Wide Ruled Notebook Paper; 4 Packs of 100 Sheets Wide Ruled Notebook Paper; 4 Packs of 150 Sheets of College Ruled Notebook Paper; 4 Packs of 100 Sheets of College Ruled Notebook Paper; 2 3 Ring Notebooks; 4 Pencil Boxes; 9 Pair of Scissors; 14 2 Pocket Folders

Thanks to everyone who donated items or money.

By: Jan Denny

OCTOBER HOUSE OF PEACE

Remember to bring the following items to the October Meeting:

Paper Towels; Toilet Tissue; Napkins
If you don't have time, I will shop for you.

Just bring cash, or a check, made out to:

JANICE M. DENNY

Thanks again for supporting the House of Peace.

By: Jan Denny



October Birthdays

10-9 Judy Mouch
10-21 Tori Herrera

JOINT CHAPTER LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

For those planning to attend the Joint Chapter Luncheon on October 28th, Janet Davidson needs your **check for \$30** by September 26th, along with your **choice** of:



Chicken Piccata

or



Fall Harvest Salad

Janet Davidson

2241 Weil Road

Moscow, OH 45153

September Meeting Minutes

The Sept 7 meeting was called at 6:05pm by Melody.

The club read the Collect and then had dinner.

The program began at 6:45pm with Kate.

The program ended and business meeting began at 7:30pm.

Heather Edwards made a motion to keep our finance committee in place and second was made by Sally Smith.

Marty said there was no correspondence.

Jan Schoellman spoke about the imagination library. Christine Wick will be holding a meeting in a few weeks but the club decided to table our involvement right now until new projects are discussed from DKG. We will decide at a later date how or if we will continue to move forward with the imagination library. Melody pointed out that the funds from joint chapter luncheon support this.

Joan asked the club if she could take the books that no one picks up from our book swap to the jail. She will donate these after bringing them twice to meetings. Club agreed this is a great idea.

Betsy discussed the Augusta Road trip idea for our April 13th meeting in 2024. In August, four Delta Chi members ran through a possible itinerary and they were able to put together a tentative trip including Ferry Ride, Tour of Clooney House, Boxed Lunch, Wine tasting, and Dessert for approximately \$50. The time would be 10-5pm or 9-6pm. A "yes" or "no" for this April Event has to be made by each member no later than our February Meeting as we need to make sure enough members will participate. Each member will need to give their final commitment in February.

Membership was discussed by Melody. DKG is now suggesting that membership be handled in a slightly different procedure than in the past. A prospect card will be filled out from a current member, and the current member should read a little paragraph about their nomination to the club. The nominee will then receive a prospect letter. The nominee will fill out an information form. Melody asked the club members to bring a prospect card to the October meeting.

The joint council luncheon will be on October 28th at the Cincinnati Woman's Club. Jan needs money for this sent to her by September 26th which is an earlier date than previously stated in the red book. Please also make your lunch choice on your check.

Jan passed out the treasurer's report and Betsy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and second was made by Linda Sebastian. Motion passed.

There was discussion about Grant In Aid funds and Edwards Jones Investment funds. It was decided that the finance committee will look at the growth of the Edward Jones fund and that the Grant In Aid committee may need to discuss the ideas of considering giving more than one scholarship per year in the future.

Joyce needs newsletter items by Sept 18th.

Vanda reported that due to increased prices and difficulty of finding affordable banquet options, the May banquet will now be a luncheon, not a dinner. It will also be moved to Saturday, May 4 2024. RSVP can provide our club with the lunch and banquet space for \$30/ person. A motion was made by Phyllis to send a \$100 deposit check to RSVP to secure this. Second by Marty. Motion passed.

House of Peace collected \$100

Raffle made \$93

Book Swap collected \$15

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Respectfully submitted by Darla Smith, Secretary pro tem

Treasurer's Report —August 13, 2023 to September 18, 2023

RECEIPTS

September 7 meeting meals	\$100.00
Grant-in-Aid - John's Flowers	\$300.00
Donation and Book Sales - Imagination Library	\$125.00
Joint Chapter Luncheon Reservations	\$60.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$585.00

DELTA CHI CHAPTER GRANT-IN-AID FUND

Beginning Balance 8/13/2023	\$959.15
Donations - John's Flowers	\$300.00
TRANSFER from Sunshine, in memory of Candace Meadors	\$25.00
Balance as of 9/18/2023	\$1,259.15
Edward Jones Investment (as of 8/13/2023)	\$14,763.39
Edward Jones Investment (as of 9/18/2023)	\$14,776.47

DELTA CHI JOINT CHAPTER FUND

Balance as of 8/13/2023	\$1,037.92
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EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE FUND

Balance as of 8/13/2023	\$489.32
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SEED FUND

Balance as of 8/13/2023	\$228.02
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SAVINGS

Balance as of 8/13/2023	\$1,009.14
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DISBURSEMENTS

Judy Mouch, for Sept. 7 meals	\$92.95
Jan Schoellman - Red Book printing	\$73.65
RSVP of Wards Corner - deposit, May 2023 banquet	\$100.00
TRANSFER from Sunshine to Grant-in-Aid, in memory of Candace Meadors	\$25.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$291.60

OTHER ENTAILED FUNDS (WITHIN CHECKING)

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP	\$840.00
INITIATION EXPENSES	\$55.88
BANQUET EXPENSES	\$227.79
IMAGINATION LIBRARY	\$183.00
Total	\$1,306.67

Reported by Janet Davidson

Legislative Report

Department seeks American Government and American History educators to help develop Ohio's State Tests by participating on assessment committees

The Ohio Department of Education is now accepting applications for participants to serve on American Government and American History content advisory committees for Ohio's State Tests. Ohio's educators, content specialists and other stakeholders play a vital role in creating valid and reliable assessments by serving on these committees.

These committees are specific to each Ohio's state test (e.g., Ohio's State Test in Grade 3 ELA or Algebra I End-of-Course Test). Ohio educators who serve as assessment committee members represent the diversity of Ohio's schools and districts: public, nonpublic, career technical, urban, suburban, and rural. Some may work in higher education or serve in school districts or ESCs as curriculum specialists, but the majority of the committee members are classroom teachers with varied years of teaching experience in the appropriate grade levels and areas of study. Content advisory committees meet on an ongoing basis to review new test questions and materials as they are developed. The number and frequency of meetings depends on the volume of new test item development, but typically these committees meet once or twice annually.

Content Advisory Committees for American Government and American History

Content advisory committees review and evaluate test questions and related test materials to ensure that each question is a valid and appropriate measure of the Ohio Learning Standards for that particular subject area and grade level. These committees review all test questions to advise the Department on whether each question is aligned with Ohio's Learning Standards, contains appropriate grade-level content, has the appropriate level of difficulty for the grade level, has correct and accurate content and is clearly written.

The American Government and American History content advisory committees will convene in person in Columbus. The dates for each of the grade level meetings are listed below. These dates are specific only to the 2024 meetings. If you are chosen to serve on a content advisory committee, we will invite you to the 2024 meetings and then subsequent meetings as they are scheduled.

CONTENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE GRADE LEVEL MEETING DATES

American Government -June 20-21

American History -June 24-25

Please note the following:

- For committee members who are not under contractual obligations for the dates of the meeting, a monetary stipend of \$75 will be provided for attendance of each meeting day.

- Expense forms and reimbursement guidelines will be distributed and collected at the meeting.
- All eligible meeting participants will have the cost of substitute teachers directly reimbursed to school districts. Participants will receive reimbursement guidelines at the meeting and paperwork to give to their districts to complete for reimbursement.
- Hotel rooms are available to committee members who live 45 miles or more from the meeting site. Hotel rooms will be billed directly to Cambium Assessment.
- All committee members will be reimbursed for in-state mileage at whatever is the current state rate per mile. Expense forms and reimbursement guidelines will be distributed at the meeting.
- Training will be provided first thing in the morning on Day 1 so please be on time. Meetings are held 8:30 am – 4:30 pm with lunch break (time for lunch is normally determined by committee). New members MUST attend Day 1 for training.
- Participants will receive certificates from The Ohio Department of Education, Office of Assessment, that can be used for LPDC credit approximately 4-6 weeks after the meetings are completed.

Those who are interested in participating on one of the content advisory committees should complete the application found at the Ohio Department of Education Office of Assessment website.

Applicants should describe their experience in education, including expertise with Ohio's Learning Standards in their chosen subject area. **Please be sure to identify:**

- high school subject area assignment (Am History or Am Govt)**
- name of the committee preference (content advisory)**

Submit applications by **11 p.m. EST on Sunday, October 8, 2023**. Selected applicants will receive notification by the week of **October 30, 2023**.

Please be sure to include an active email address for notifications. Applications **MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED** to be considered for participation on a committee.

We hope you will consider participating in this very important work. Your experience and expertise can serve a crucial role in the development of Ohio's State Tests.

If you have any questions, please email the Office of Assessment at statetests@education.ohio.org.

Reported by Martha Kleinfelter