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## 2019 State Convention Update

### *2019 State Convention Steering Committee*

Are you looking to make some memories at state convention, maybe reunite with old friends, and even have some fun? The state convention steering committee has been working to give you so many opportunities you won't want to miss coming to Lawrenceburg next April 26-28!

One way to accomplish all three of these goals is to come to state convention a day early and enjoy some of the local attractions. Spending a Friday in southeast Indiana will certainly be an adventure! On the website you will find a flier identifying many of the historical and recreational sites in the area as well as some special places to shop and explore. Those of us who live in this area will testify that there are countless places that will inspire you, instruct you, and maybe help you discover new and exciting activities you can enjoy. For instance, the Creation Museum is just a short drive across the Ohio River, and even though the Reds are playing out of town that weekend, you might want to visit the Reds Hall of Fame and Museum. There are murals to see in downtown Aurora as well as an historic mansion. Just minutes away from the Doubletree Hotel in Lawrenceburg you can shop and eat in all sorts of interesting places. If you're a basketball junkie, you might even drive up the road to Milan and visit their '54 Museum.

Of course, when convention begins on Saturday morning, there will be business to attend to, but there will also be dynamic workshops (formerly called breakout sessions). Once again, the committee is making plans for a field trip; this one will be less than 5 minutes away from the hotel, an easy walk. You'll visit The Framery and create a piece of fused glass artwork you can take home with you. Also, if you haven't signed up for the convention chorus, there's still a form online for you to complete and either mail or email to Nancy Durham, music chair. She's selected some great songs for you to sing!

Still, you may be hesitating to come to convention because you're not sure about the hotel or the food. The Doubletree is a beautiful facility with a lovely view of the Ohio. Don't worry about the food either: it is outstanding, and the chef is even trying to make arrangements to conduct a workshop with us.

What possible reason could you have left to keep you from coming to state convention? Many of you have spouses and/or families...why not bring them along and enjoy a long weekend in this beautiful river country? Even if you're coming by yourself, you are going to have a good time. You will make memories, you will re-connect with old friends and find new ones, and you will have fun. Be our guests and celebrate Delta Kappa Gamma Indiana that weekend!



## Important Dates

### Midwinter Exec. Board Meeting

January 12, 2019, 11:00 am  
MCL Cafeteria, 2370 W. 86th,  
Indianapolis 46260

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### State Convention

April 26-28, 2019  
Doubletree Lawrenceburg, 51  
Walnut St, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025

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## As Christmas Nears

*Jo Jones, Indiana State DKG President*



It is getting close to Christmas. Homes are decorated and lit up at night, the stores are playing the Christmas music over and over, Christmas ads are repeated on television, and everyone keeps asking, “Are you ready for Christmas?” Yes, I am ready. I have told my family for months that I am not buying Christmas presents for 2018, nor do I want any presents. Bah, Humbug, you say? Maybe. However, I really enjoy Christmas, and I have fond memories of Christmas, but my idea of Christmas presents differs from other people’s ideas. I always wanted to find the special present for someone, and when it came to Christmas day, I enjoyed watching everyone open the presents from me. I didn’t mind shopping. On the other hand, I would listen to my family grumble about what to buy. How could that be any fun, and how could anyone enjoy Christmas with the feeling of being forced to buy a present?

When I was teaching, I enjoyed the excitement kids brought to the classroom around Christmas. As a junior high teacher, I didn’t get many gifts. I think some were embarrassed as a 12- or 13-year-old student to bring the teacher a gift. However, I received some very nice presents: candles, Christmas tree ornaments, and Christmas decorations were among the popular gifts. While shopping, I would often wander into a Hallmark store and see something for “#1 Teacher.” I don’t recall ever getting anything like that. I will never forget one gift. I knew right away that the mother had picked it out because it was from a boy. I didn’t really know how to react when I opened the present to find a box of knee high hose. He didn’t seem too emotional about it, and I let my enthusiasm remain on the lower level. In other words, I didn’t ooh and aah much. Whenever I think of that present even today, it makes me chuckle. But you know? It was one of the best presents I ever received. It was certainly memorable!!

Some of you might have donated money to a charity in the name of someone instead of giving a Christmas present. I have heard the charity suggestion is good if you need to buy something for someone who has everything. Delta Kappa Gamma has many funds that you could donate to. The Society could always use a donation made to the emergency fund or the scholarship fund. You can go to the International website and see many places you could send money. The Society is very nice in recognizing donations by sending a letter of thanks.

I have no need for any more dust catchers, as my mother would refer to gifts that just sit around the house. For many nowadays—and I don’t mean to offend anyone, the go-to gift is money or a gift card. As a single person, I have the luxury of buying what I want when I want it. I’m not too crazy about receiving money or a gift card. Maybe we could simplify the idea a bit more, and we could all sit around the tree on Christmas, open our wallets, and exchange money. I don’t see much fun in that. I know it sounds crazy, but I enjoy consumable presents. I wouldn’t mind opening a pack of paper towels or a bottle of dish detergent. Now that I think about it, I could use another box of knee high hose—suntan preferably.



## Member Recruitment Strategies

Patricia Frazier, Membership Committee, Mu

A necessity of a robust organization is its members, each engaged and working toward the accomplishment of the society's mission. Your chapter may want to review your plans to boost membership and consider the following suggestions.



- Change chapter bylaws to have a membership drive once per year.
- Appoint a central contact person so the nominating committee can forward prospect names, contact information, and schools.
- Timely follow up with prospective members.
- Send a member questionnaire asking for ideas to build memberships, become a more interesting and welcoming organization, and retaining members.
- Present an incentive for members to recruit others.
- Designate one meeting per year in which each member brings a prospective member.
- Develop a chapter business card to present when appropriate.
- Wear DKG jewelry and apparel.
- Show local schools and colleges your appreciation by hosting a DKG Meet-n-Greet, host a brunch or lunch, take cookies to lounges (or donuts and coffee), volunteer at school fairs, volunteer in the classroom, help a beginning teacher, present small gift/token in teacher mailboxes, or award a DKG teacher of the year (or month). Remember that business card.
- Increase awareness in your community. You're proud of your society—so do some bragging! Utilize social media, place and distribute flyers and posters, or build a chapter website. Share who we are, what we do, the camaraderie, the fun we have, our successes, our travels, our mission, and our vision. Be sure to answer this question before they ask: What's in it for me?



Your Choices:

- A "flip book" to read on your computer
- Download a .pdf file that can be printed or read on your computer
- Contact International headquarters to request that a copy be printed and mailed to you.

### *A Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World...*

Whether or not you're actively teaching in the classroom, this is an email newsletter that is a source of comfort in a not-always-peaceful world. Curriculum of Hope is a standing committee of Alpha Kappa State Connecticut, and the newsletter can be found on the [DKGIndiana.org](http://DKGIndiana.org) website. Get your own free subscription emailed to you by visiting [dkgct.weebly.com](http://dkgct.weebly.com).



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## Treasury Notes

*Leslie Hamman, State Treasurer*

**Chapter Treasurers** – you may want to make a special effort to attend the 2019 State Convention in Lawrenceburg! Our international guest will be hosting a breakout session to give us more details about upcoming changes in how dues will be collected. Since the deadline for 2019–2020 will be June 30, the end of April is a very good time to get all the details!

**Remember – any new – or reinstated – members who are inducted into your chapter after January 1 are eligible to join at half the regular membership rate.** Also – are you recruiting college students majoring in education? They can join as collegiate members (undergraduates must be within two years of completion; graduate students can join any time). Once she starts her career as a paid educator, she will become an active member and pay regular active dues.

As always – if you have any questions, I'm just a phone call or email away!



### Personal Growth / Professional Affairs Fall Arts Retreat 2019

*Nancy Hoff, Chairman, Personal Growth/Professional Affairs Committee*

Have you been to a FAR? FAR is Indiana's Fall Arts Retreat which will be held on November 15 and 16, 2019, at Our Lady of Fatima in Indianapolis. You will create unique crafts and explore other areas of art during this 24 hour retreat.

We are still looking for an additional craft or two. If you have a craft, a suggestion or an idea, please contact [nancy-hoff@att.net](mailto:nancy-hoff@att.net).



#### *Items of interest from [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)...*

- Listings of amendments (both to the Constitution and the International Standing rules) adopted at the 2018 International Convention in Austin are now available
- You may need a new password to access the [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) site. You definitely need your membership number; requirements for the new password are available at login.
- According to the website and the DKG app, the latest Bulletin magazine as well as the most recent DKG News are available as both a "flip book" (viewable online) and a .pdf file (viewable online AND available for download/printing).
- You may not realize that if you don't have access to the internet, you CAN get a printed copy of DKGNews. You must call headquarters to request that a copy be printed and mailed to you. (It will be printed in black/white on regular office paper, no color, no glossy pages.)

# Janet O'Neal Seminar for Personal Growth



*Dina D'Andrea, Beth Myers, Peggy*

*Dina D'Andrea, Chairman, Janet O'Neal Seminar For Personal Growth Committee*

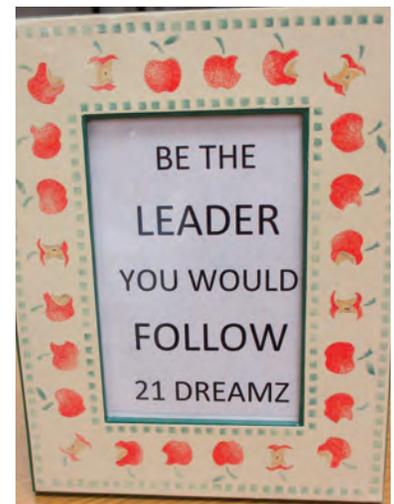
A Slam Dunk Saturday! Our morning began with breakfast. Logansport's Superintendent Michele Starkey, Gamma Mu Chapter, welcomed everyone to Logansport. Greg Dominick, the voice of the Berries, introduced Mike and Kim Pinto in a big Berry fashion. Mike and Kim Pinto were very motivational for all. There's a leader and mentor in all of us. A delicious lunch was served and enjoyed by all. Questions from those attending for our State Presidents were answered about various aspects of DKG. Some of us were introduced to yoga and saw how it can help you feel better about yourself and in turn make you a better leader. We had a little team building exercise using our listening skills. We have some very good listeners...but I'm not surprised at all. We took a little survey of our cell phones. More things you had on your phone the more points you got. Some of us have a lot going on on our phones! A wonderful day by all!!



*Kim Pinto, Mike Pinto, Jo Jones*



*Past State Presidents Panel: Lois Vogel, Sharon Henderson, Carol Herzog, Penny Schaeffer, Jo Jones*





## A Proud Moment in our history...



Dear sisters in Indiana!

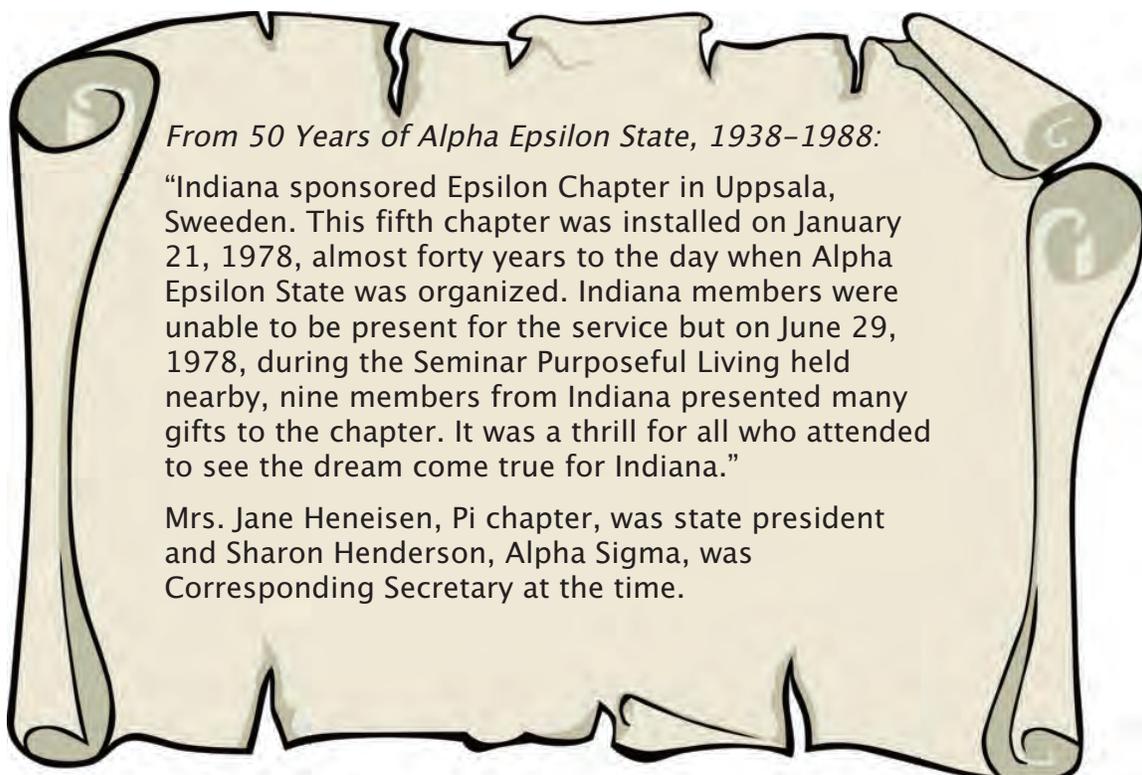
January the 21st 1978 our chapter, Epsilon, was formed in Uppsala, Sweden, thanks to a sponsorship from Indiana State. The first chapter meeting was held the 7th of March under the management of president Ann-Charlotte Melin. In June the same year a representative for Indiana State presented Epsilon with a gavel and a complete set of initiation attributes. The presentment was held in Stockholm at an international conference.

Now that we are celebrating our 40th anniversary we would like to send you our thanks and gratitude. Our chapter is still active, it has 25 members, of whom five were initiated in October of this year. We remember your gift and send our warmest regards to our sisters in Indiana State.

Best regards,

Charlotte Lindgren, president, and the board

Our webpage (in Swedish): <https://www.dkgsweden.com/epsilon--- uppsala.html>





## Posters, Please!

*Stephanie Walsh, First Vice President*

### REMINDER

For the 2019 convention, the Educational Excellence Committee is seeking individuals, and chapters, to create and display a poster showcasing a favorite program, project, or initiative. Please complete the poster application found on the Indiana DKG website prior to February 1st. Any questions or comments should be directed to Stephanie Walsh at [kswalsh@att.net](mailto:kswalsh@att.net) or 812-719-1166.

## Come Sail Away to the Delta Kappa Gamma Indiana State Convention!

Come to town a little early and explore! Here are just a few places to consider (A more expansive list can be found at [www.DKGIndiana.org](http://www.DKGIndiana.org)):

 Lawrenceburg Main Street is a collection of shops and eateries just minutes away from the Doubletree. These shops open at various time, but most are open by 11 A.M.

*[ThinkLawrenceburg.com](http://ThinkLawrenceburg.com)*

 The Hillforest Victorian House Museum is in neighboring Aurora. The beautiful home is open on Friday from 1 P.M. to 5 P.M. and the cost is \$10.

*[hillforest.org](http://hillforest.org)*

 Hollywood Casino is within walking distance of the Doubletree and is open 24 hours.

*[hollywoodindiana.com](http://hollywoodindiana.com)*

 For historical and photographic vistas, check out the Ohio River Scenic Byway, the Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway, and Indiana's Historic Pathways, which converge in Dearborn County. Walk along the Ohio River Levee in Lawrenceburg and check out the bend in the Ohio River below Aurora. The Dearborn Trails (hiking and biking trail) connects the cities of Greendale, Lawrenceburg, and Aurora.

*[visitsoutheastindiana.com](http://visitsoutheastindiana.com)*

## Major Change for 2019 DKG Conferences

A major shift is occurring after the Constitution Article X regarding (formerly) Regional Conferences was amended to allow specific themes at each conference rather than the same general program. Themes for conventions next summer will be:

June 27-29 – Arts & Humanities, Asheville NC

July 10-12 – Leadership, Des Moines, IA

July 17-20 – Technology, Costa Mesa, CA

July 25-27 – Professional Research, Reykjavik, Iceland

July 30-Aug 1 – Global Awareness, Mashantucket, CT

Training for incoming state organization presidents, executive secretaries, EEC chairs, and state treasurers will ONLY be held prior to the Des Moines, Costa Mesa, and Reykjavik conferences. Webmasters and editors may attend a “topic-specific workshop” at any of the five conferences. (In the past, training has been available at each regional conference for each of these positions, and attending the conference in your own “region” automatically meant you would be working with others from the same geographic region.) Seeing just how this all plays out will be interesting!

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*A life that touches others goes on forever...*



*DKG Indiana expresses  
condolences to past  
state president Darlene  
Trusty, whose husband  
Scott passed away in  
November. A celebration  
of life will be held in  
January.*

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Elizabeth Louise Austin  
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Phyllis Loffland  
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Barbara Shelton  
October 18, 2018  
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**Beta Kappa**

Betty Shackelford  
September 5, 2018  
Kokomo

**Beta Sigma**

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