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From the President's Pen

by Sue Samoviski

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Dear Sisters,

We all notice that time goes faster as the years go by! All the more reason to treasure each day. Treasure each friend. Here's hoping you enjoyed every bit of September before we turned that calendar page. Here comes October with its cooler weather and beginning of fall colors. Enjoy!

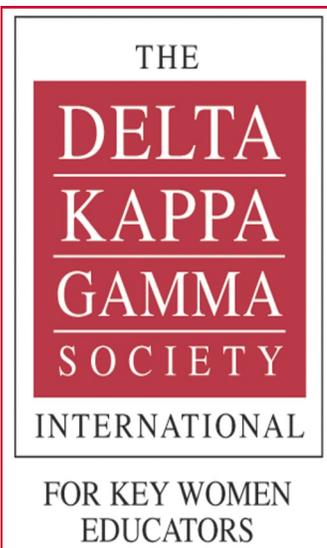
We still consider our members' health concerns as we plan our monthly meeting and meals. Our hostess committees are displaying their creativity in finding tasty food served safely for all. Again we thank Grace United Methodist Church, for allowing us to spread their large round tables around the room so that members can choose the spacing that makes them comfortable.

We hope this newsletter finds you well. Hopefully, you have all received your copy of the Chi Chapter Book for this year. Remember that working committees and hostess committees change each year. Be sure you check them in your new Chapter book.

At our October meeting we will have a fascinating speaker representing "Thread Up Oxford," and we will vote on two new members. Our chapter is growing! Hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Sue



TREASURER'S REPORT

By Kathy Hucke

Balance as of 9/13/2022

\$8,962.21

Expenses:

\$2,725.90

Deposits:

\$3,891.00

*MEMBERS: 52

(48 Active, 4 Reserve)



RED ROSES



To Sydney Baker for dropping off the most delicious tomatoes from her garden.



To Rita Francis for sharing a library copy of our book club book. Also for sharing her ticket for the Daughters of Yalta lunch at the Fitton Center.



To Bev Howard for managing such an excellent September Hostess Committee and then sending me a personal note!

SERVICE PROJECTS



Shared Harvest:

In September \$33.00 and 11 bottles of laundry detergent were donated.



Schools For Africa:

The balance is \$64.45



Scholarship:

Current scholarship balance is \$1,589.75

BCRTA and ORTA Submitted by Joan Avery

Dear Fellow Retired Educator:

As a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, you are recognized as a woman leader in the field of education. So if you have not also joined your state and local retired educator associations, I ask you to consider doing so. Both the county BCRTA (Butler County Retired Teachers Association) and state ORTA (Ohio Retired Teachers Association) are organizations that support retired educators by advocating to protect our STRS pensions and health care benefits, and by actively working to reinstate our cost of living adjustment (COLA). Our county group also offers fellowship and support for retired educators at six annual luncheon meetings with interesting speakers that members are invited to attend. Information on membership for both groups as well as a list of BCRTA 2022 meetings can be found on the BCRTA website at:

<https://butlercountyrta.weebly.com>

Membership in BCRTA is only \$10 per year or \$100 for lifetime membership. ORTA membership is \$30 each year or \$500 for a lifetime membership. Your membership in both of these groups adds strength in numbers to our lobbying and support of our STRS pensions and health care benefits. Please consider joining.

Web Links to Remember:

Chi Website: www.Chioh.weebly.com

Ohio Website: www.dkgohio.org

International Website: www.dkg.org



OCTOBER PROGRAM

*A Resource for Classroom Teachers:
Thread Up Oxford, OH
Speaker: Shana Rosenberg*

WHEN: Tuesday, October 11, 2022

WHERE: Grace United Methodist Church
1200 Main Street
Hamilton, OH 45013

TIME: Social time starts at 5:00 p.m.
Dinner and Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

MENU: Two Women in a Kitchen

#1 Crispy Chicken Strips Wrap

- With Fresh Romaine, Shaved Parmesan, and Shredded Carrot in a Sundried Tomato Tortilla

#2 Club Sandwich Wrap

- With Turkey, Ham, Swiss, Cheddar, Bacon, Garden Mix, and Tomatoes in a Wheat Tortilla

#3 Grilled Chicken Wrap

- With Fresh Greens, Cheddar, Tomatoes, and Red Onion in a Spinach Tortilla

#4 Chicken Salad Croissant

All meals include sandwich, pasta salad, fruit, chips, dessert, water

COST: \$12.00

RSVP by: Friday, September 30, 2022

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Sandwich Choice: #1 #2 #3 #4

Mail reservation form with check made out to
Melanie Farler:

Melanie Farler
4369 Nichols Road
Oxford, OH 45056
Email at mjfarler@yahoo.com
Text or Call: 513-403-5762

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club met on September 19th and discussed "The Younger Wife." The eight ladies had a good discussion as well as time to decide on two more books to add to our list.

The plan for the next 6 months is to meet at Betty's church, Hamilton West Baptist, at 10:30 A.M. By having a definite plan, we can eliminate the uncertainties of the weather. A suggestion was made that we bring a folding chair and if the weather is pleasant when we arrive, we can put our chairs in a circle outside and make the most of a pretty day. Ladies who would like to extend book club to a nearby restaurant can arrange that after book discussion. Several of us continued discussion outside at El Mariachi's in September!

At any point during the year that it seems a good time to rethink this plan, bring it up and a discussion can be arranged.

Please join us at anytime, whether you have read the book or not! No reservations needed, and we have lots of room to spread out.

October 17, 2022

"The Kitchen Front"

By Jennifer Ryan

November 21, 2022

"The Last Train to Key West"

By Chanel Cleeton

December 19, 2022

"Flying Angels"

By Danielle Steel

January 16, 2022

"A Fall of Marigolds"

By Susan Meissner

CHI CHAPTER DKG MINUTES
September 13, 2022
GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Members, guest Lynn Shafer, and speaker Marni Strasser-Durham from Butler Tech were welcomed by President Sue Samoviski. Sue thanked the September hostess committee: Chair Bev Howard, Kiki Demettrion-Gordon, Tina Newlin, Lois Cropenbaker, Carolyn Dishun, Linda Doss, and Andra Surratt. The invocation was given by Bev Howard.

PROGRAM: “In the Classroom Today: Success at Butler Tech” presented by Marni Strasser-Durham, Assistant Superintendent at Butler Tech

General Business:

- Minutes were published in the August newsletter. There were no additions or corrections.
- Treasurer’s report was shared by Kathy Hucke. Our balance as of 5/24/22 was \$7797.11. We had expenses of \$2725.90 and deposits of \$3891.00 for a balance of \$8962.21 on 9/13/22. The report was filed for audit.
- Correspondence: Linda Roemer asked that members let her know of any events that need to be recognized with a card or note. She sent a thank you to Brandon Armstrong for his music presentation at our May meeting, a congratulations card to Cindy Grantz on the birth of a grandson, and birthday cards to members celebrating in June through September.
- Membership: Sue asked that everyone review the qualifications for membership in our directory and to check the pages for working committee and hostess committee assignments.
- Service Projects: Janet Schehr said that \$32 and 8 bottles of detergent were collected for Shared Harvest over the last two meetings. Carla Baker pointed out the information on tables regarding Schools For Africa. Our yearly goal is to collect at least \$1.00 per member.
- Newsletter editor Mel Farler set a deadline for submissions to the next newsletter as September 24.
- Book Club: Cindy Grantz gave a recap of what was discussed prior to tonight’s meeting. Book Club will meet at 10:30 this Monday, September 19th at Hanover Park. Anyone who wishes to have lunch together following the meeting is welcome. Book Club will be meeting at Hamilton West Baptist Church for the months of October through March. The September book to be discussed is The Younger Wife by Sally Hepworth. All are welcome to attend.

New Business:

- Budget: Treasurer Kathy Hucke presented the budget for the current Chi year. Chapter dues are to be paid in full again this year following a decrease during Covid-19. Money has been budgeted once again for the president to attend state meetings which had been held remotely the past several years. Additional money was added for a joint meeting speaker since this is our year to host. Total budget expenditures for the 2022-2023 year is \$3618.00 with income of \$3464.00 leaving a deficit of \$154.00. Kim Florek asked to be dropped, and a vote was taken to move Shirley Snyder from active to reserve membership. A motion was made by Gail Schlenk and seconded by Melanie Farler, motion passed. We currently have 52 members. A motion to accept the budget was made by Bev Howard and seconded by Kathy Kessler. Motion passed
- Andra Surratt made a motion that all checks made payable to Chi be cashed within 10 days of receipt. After discussion the motion was seconded by Tina Newlin and passed.
- Directory: Betty Collins thanked Kathy Hucke and her daughter Sara for their help on making the directory possible. A PDF copy will be sent out to all members by the end of the week. Pre-ordered printed copies were delivered at the meeting. Please remember to keep both versions secure as they contain personal information.
- Chi website: Our webmaster Rita Francis gave an overview of what can be found on our website.
- ADSOEF: Joan Avery will be our liaison this year with the state.

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Good of the Order:

- Birthdays were celebrated for Kathy Kessler, Carol Morris, Donna Armstrong, Cathy Blevins, Kiki Demettrion-Gordon, and Marilyn McKnight.
- Sydney Baker shared information from the International Website concerning various items that can purchased through the online store to commemorate DKG membership.
- We tied in the state for having the most new members join during the last chapter year. Each Chi member was given a pin from the state to celebrate the achievement.
- Silent Auction to help fund our scholarship/grant fund was conducted by Gerry Frechtling and Betsy Berenzweig.
- DKG song was led by Tina Newlin.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 11. The speaker will be Shana Rosenberg who will present “Thread Up Oxford: A Resource for Classroom Teachers”



Minutes respectfully submitted by Betty Collins, Chi Chapter Recording Secretary



DKG State and International Social Media Links:

DKG Ohio State Organization Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/DKGOSO/>

DKG Ohio State Organization Website:
<https://www.dkgohio.org/>

DKG Ohio You Tube Chanel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBbMLN2bbe9QbQF9f0nBDw/featured>

DKG International Website: *
<https://www.dkg.org/>

*Members can sign in to the International website to access “members only” features. To sign up use your membership number as your User Name (get from your Treasurer), and use dkg2014society for the password.



Speaker:
Marni Strasser-Durham
Chi President:
Sue Samoviski



September Auction Winners



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BIRTHDAYS

October

Shirley Snyder
Sydney Baker
Janet Schehr



OFFICERS CHI CHAPTER 2022-2024

President:	Sue Samoviski
1st Vice-President:	Rita Francis
2nd Vice-President:	Bev Howard
Treasurer:	Kathy Hucke
Corresponding Secretary:	Linda Roemer
Recording Secretary:	Betty Collins
Parliamentarian:	Sydney Baker

Program Calendar—SAVE THESE DATES!!!! 2022-2023

All Chi Chapter business meetings will continue to be held at Grace United Methodist Church for the 2022-2023 program year. The church is located at 1200 Main Street, Hamilton 45013. Rita Francis will be the hostess committee contact person for the venue. All meetings fall on Tuesdays in order to schedule them around church functions. The dinners start at 5:30 but sisters are invited to arrive as early as 5:00 for fellowship and chat. Scheduled meetings are as follows:

September 13, 2022	“In the Classroom Today: Success at Butler Tech” Speaker: Marni Strasser-Durham, Asst. Superintendent Butler Tech
October 11, 2022	“A Resource for Classroom Teachers: Thread Up Oxford, Ohio” Speaker: Shana Rosenberg *Installation of New Members
November 15, 2022	“Dealing with Our Stress: Mindfulness” Speaker: Lauren Marsh
December 13, 2022	Brandon Armstrong on guitar, leading a holiday sing-a-long!
March 25, 2023	Joint Meeting with Gamma XI “Supporting Professional and Personal Growth of Educators” Speaker: Dr. Norma Kirby from the Ohio Education Foundation (ADSOEF)
April 25, 2023	“Fernald, Past and Present” Speaker: Angela Marci
May 23, 2023	“80 Acres Farms” *Scholarship Grant Recipient
June 2023	Chi Picnic—Date and Time TBA