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From the President's Pen

by Sue Samoviski

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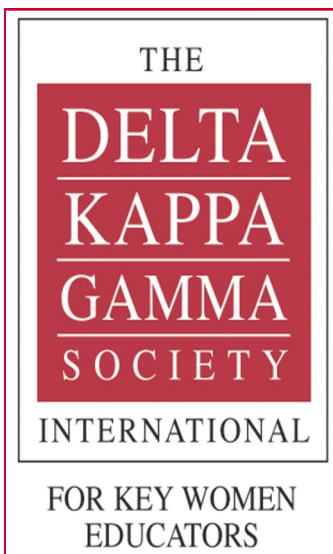


Dear Sisters,

What a wonderful program we had in April! Our speaker from Fernald was entertaining and so informative about the past and present uses of that historical location just south of Ross. We had such a great turn out of DKG sisters who are always ready to learn new things and enjoy the friendships we have built through the years. Our May 23 meeting will be our last for the summer months. Someone from 80 Acres Farm will share the exciting development of that unique and very successful business. Indoor, year-round, sustainable agriculture – right here in Hamilton! We look forward to another informative program and delicious meal.

The Planning Committee is working on our programs for next year. We hope that you will all share your ideas with someone on the Exec. Committee or contact me. The more ideas the better. We also hope to set a date and location for the June Picnic. This is usually a shared covered dish affair and has been at Hanover Park in the past. We are open for suggestions.

Sue



TREASURER'S REPORT By Kathy Hucke

Balance as of 04/25/2023

\$8,496.92

Expenses:

\$763.80

Deposits:

\$241.60

***MEMBERS:** 55
(51 Active, 4 Reserve)

A friendly reminder:

DKG/CHI dues for the coming year beginning July 2023 are now being collected by Chi treasurer Kathy Hucke. Active dues are \$70.00, Reserve \$26. Please make your check payable to DKG/CHI and remit no later than June 15. You may also update your contact information.

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RED ROSES



To Cindy Grantz for getting our Chi Chapter photo and short news blurb in the Journal News.

Note: State has recommended that we use our local news media to make people aware of our DKG State and International support of education and educators.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Shared Harvest:



In April eleven bottles of laundry detergent and \$20.00 was donated.

Schools For Africa:



The balance is \$118.92

Scholarship:



Current scholarship balance is \$1,617.35

The Gender Debate Submitted by Beverly Dees

In 2022, the Biden administration announced it would expand Title IX protections for LGBTQ students. Title IX, passed in 1972, made it illegal to discriminate against girls or girls' sports teams in public education. The expanded definition of Title IX requires schools to allow access to bathrooms, locker rooms and sports teams to transgender students. The goal was to provide more protection for students against discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. Schools that do not go along with Biden's amendment risk losing federal funding for their school lunch program. Ohio is one of 22 states suing in federal courts to block this interpretation of Title IX.

In December of 2022, the Ohio Board of Education, by a 10-7 vote, passed a resolution that would reject President Biden's amendment to Title IX. The resolution would require school districts to tell parents when their child "questions their gender identity," wants to be identified by another name or pronoun or other matters related to their gender identity. The resolution also asks the legislature to approve a ban on teaching students in kindergarten through third grade about sexual orientation and gender identity. There was a lot of controversy and some criticism over the decision. School districts were informed of the resolution; however, it is not a law and is unenforceable. O.D.E. states that it is in compliance with federal law.

School boards and superintendents are trying to deal with this issue, with backlash from both sides. Decisions have been made in secret to avoid community opposition. Some have pressed for a political middle ground that will protect students without requiring new rules. Schools like Lakota have single use restrooms available in all their schools; however, a transgender student can still claim discrimination if not allowed to use the gender-preferred restroom. Parents of girls say their daughters don't feel safe with males allowed in the same restroom. Local grievances run through the school's Title IX coordinator, which have procedures in place to handle cases involving sex discrimination. In many people's minds, the issue has not been settled.

MAY PROGRAM

Very Veggie Evening With 80 Acres Farm

WHEN: Tuesday, May 23, 2023

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.

COST: \$12.00

RSVP by: Wednesday, May 17, 2023

MENU

Vegetable Pinwheels
Chicken Club Pasta Salad
Lemonade Cake

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mail reservation form with check made out to
Elizabeth Collins

Elizabeth Collins
1701 Cleveland Avenue
Hamilton, OH 45013

Web Links to Remember:

Chi Website: www.Chioh.weebly.com

Ohio Website: www.dkgohio.org

International Website: www.dkg.org



BOOK CLUB

The April meeting to discuss “By Her Own Design” generated good discussion including what was true in the story and what was added by the author. We enjoyed looking up a photo online of Jackie Kennedy’s wedding dress since it could have been pivotal in the designer’s career. The designer had a long life during a time of many changes and made for an educational and interesting topic.

Book club will meet on May 15th to discuss “The Tobacco Wives” by Adele Myers. New for the May meeting will be a new starting time. We are finding that several participants are working out at a time that conflicts with our 10:30 start. So for now, the next meetings will begin at 11:30. Members are welcome to bring lunches or ask after discussion if anyone would like to meet for a meal out. We are continuing to meet at Betty’s church, Hamilton West Baptist, as it eliminates the questions that weather can pose. Bring a lawn chair! We can always find a place outside the church for our meetings on beautiful days. Start times and venues remain open for discussion. Please join us at our new starting time, 11:30!

May 15, 2023

“The Tobacco Wives”

By Adele Myers

June 19, 2023

“Lessons in Chemistry”

By Bonnie Garmus



CHI CHAPTER DKG MINUTES
April 25, 2022
GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Members and speaker Angela Marczi from Fernald were welcomed by President Sue Samoviski. Sue thanked the April hostess committee: Co-chairs Kathy Kessler and Linda Roemer, Nancy Bonds, Sydney Baker, Mary Jo Inkrot, Karen Albrecht, Darlene Johnson, and Karen Reddin. The invocation was given by Karen Reddin.

PROGRAM: “Fernald, Past and Present” presented by Angela Marczi, Fernald naturalist

An initiation was held for new members who have joined over the past year. Those initiated were Joni Copas, Debbie Bucheit, Lynn Shafer, Barb Shaw, and Barb Fuerbacher. The initiation included special music by Tina Newlin.

General Business:

- Minutes from the December 13, 2022 meeting were published in the April newsletter. There were no additions or corrections.
- Treasurer’s report was shared by Kathy Hucke. Our balance as of December 13, 2022 was \$9,019.12. We had expenses of \$763.80 and \$241.60 in income leaving a balance on April 25, 2023 of \$8,496.92. Our scholarship fund currently stands at \$1,617.35, and Schools For Africa has \$118.92 in that fund.
- Correspondence: Linda Roemer sent thank you cards to presenters Brandon Armstrong in December and Dr. Norma Kirby in March. She also sent birthday cards to members, a get well card to Kathy Kessler, and a congratulations to Mary Jo Inkrot on the birth of a new grandbaby. Both Linda and President Sue Samoviski read correspondence they received from Dr. Kirby thanking us for a great joint meeting. Gail Schlenk shared that her sister and Chi member Shirley Snyder broke her arm and could use some get well wishes.
- Service Projects: Janet Schehr reported that \$20 and 6 bottles of detergent were donated to Shared Harvest at our December meeting. Barb Shaw said that \$12 was donated to Schools for Africa in November and \$7 in December.
- ADSOEF report: Joan Avery reminded members that they should be receiving an electronic newsletter from ADSOEF. Student teacher grants should be turned in by next February and can be for a male or female. There were three Miami University winners this year. Project awards of up to \$500 are available, and DKG members can help a non-member apply.
- Newsletter deadline will be May 6th. Sue Samoviski asked that someone send a picture from our March joint meeting with Gamma Xi to the Journal News.
- Book Club discussion was held to determine if a change in meeting time is needed. It was decided to continue to meet at Hamilton West Baptist Church on the third Monday of the month but at a new time of 11:30.

New Business:

- Sue Samoviski and Rita Francis attended the ADSO state convention. They enjoyed the event and have brought back some interesting ideas. One is a spreadsheet delineating the tasks of our various officers. The state is still working on updating bylaws as theirs are still changing to be in alignment with International. Rita shared that in a recent issue of Collegial Exchange there was a good article on streamlining the process of becoming a new member.
- A sign up list for 2023-24 hostess committees was passed around. Members not present will be filled in.
- A planning committee meeting for 2023-24 meeting topics will be held in early May.

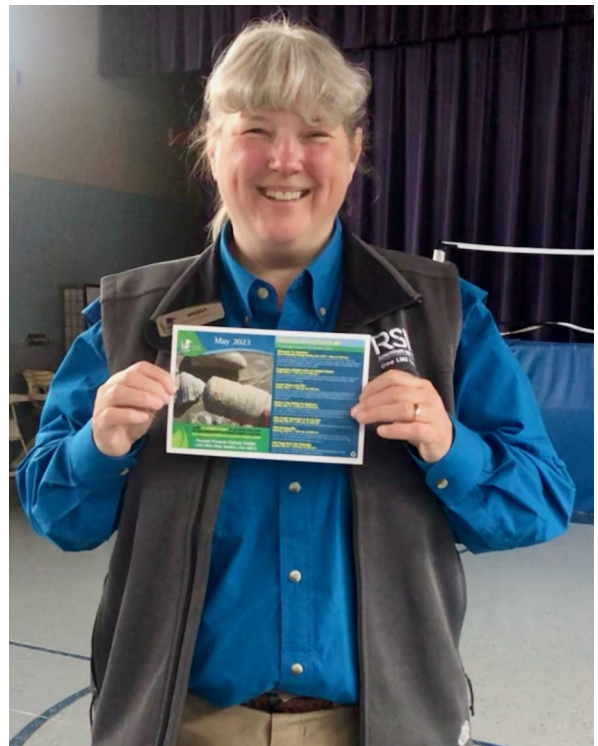
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Good of the Order:

- Member Joni Copas was honored last December (delayed due to pandemic) as a 2021 Hero of Character Award Winner by the Character Council.
- Birthdays were celebrated for Bev Dees, Barb Fuerbacher, Gail Schlenk, Andra Surratt, Gerry Frechtling, Mary Jo Inkrot, Carolyn Dishun, Carol Christian, Brenda Conley, and Darlene Johnson.
- Silent auction to raise funds for our scholarships/grants was conducted by Bev Dees and Marilyn McKnight.
- DKG song was sung.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 23 starting with fellowship at 5:00. Our speaker will be from 80 Acres Farm.

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/UCBbMLN2b-be9QbQF9f-OnBDw/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 from Fernald
Angela Marczi**





Auction Winners

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BIRTHDAYS

May

Donna Hoover
Sue Clark
Betty Collins
Carol Harp
Linda Roemer

June

Barbara Blair
Rita Francis
Sue Samoviski
Joan Avery
Nancy Bonds

July

Mae Prentice
Karen Albrecht
Debbie Marston



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 Mardzi
- May 23, 2023** “80 Acres Farms”
*Scholarship Grant Recipient
- June 2023** Chi Picnic—Date and Time TBA