



Nu's Notes



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Zap! Pow! Wow!

Congratulations to Roberta Koscielski and Nu chapter for receiving a grant from the Lambda State Foundation

for the program Make the Arts your Superpower through Storytelling! Roberta and Sarah Couri, head librarian at the McClure Branch library, wrote the grant application for the \$9,110 project. The Lambda State grant is for \$2000, the Peoria Public Library will donate \$1,000 for the use of their facilities; and Nu chapter will contribute the remaining \$6,110. Gadzooks! How will Nu chip in \$6,110? Shazam! You may have forgotten how valuable you are. We will add the \$6,110 through our hours of volunteering with the project. We will publicize the project to teachers and students, help "hands on" with the young writers, bring healthy snacks to the participants and evaluate the project. Each of us can be a Superhero!

Make the Arts your Superpower through Storytelling will take place in February and March 2023. We'll find out the dates and times in January so, BAM! we can all pick our volunteer positions and hours then. Helping with literacy and working with students will certainly brighten our days during the long, grey winter. Start thinking how you'll use your Superpower as an educator! Kaboom!

Thank you to Connie Voss and the program committee for two great programs in October

and November. You'll find a list of the books and authors that Nu members recommended in this month's *Nu's Notes*. Great reading for the quiet days of January. Jamie Begole's presentation about the Dream Center provoked lots of discussion and inspired several members to donate clothes, linens, household items to the Dream Center clientele.

At our February 6 meeting Becky Rossen, the CEO of Peoria Community against Violence, will share with us what is being done to stop violence in Peoria and what we can do to help. In March Roberta Koscielski will lead our discussion of *The Bluest Eye*, our Peoria Reads book. Mark your new 2023 calendar now.

Happy Holidays to you all! – Cathy

If you know of someone who needs our attention, please let one of the officers know.

Professional Advancement and Outreach

Congratulations to Nu Chapter and Sarah Couri, Manager of Peoria Public Library McClure Branch. The Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies, Inc. is awarding Nu Chapter \$2,000 for the project, "Make the Arts Your Superpower Through Storytelling." Nu Chapter will soon receive a congratulatory letter along with a check. This grant proposal was written by Sarah Couri as a follow-up project to "Make the Arts Your Superpower" which was funded by the Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies in 2021. "Make the Arts Your Superpower Through Storytelling" will include a variety of volunteer opportunities for Nu Chapter members in early 2023.

Student Literary Writing Contest

The DKG IL Literacy Committee is excited to highlight Student Literary Arts Recognition Program entries during the 2023 DKG IL

annual convention. Three themes have been selected according to grade levels as follows:
Grades 1-4 KINDNESS (1 page handwritten)
Starter suggestions for writing about KINDNESS include

- Tell about a time that someone showed kindness to you. How did that feel?
- Tell about ways you can show kindness to your family or a friend.
- Tell about people who have taught you about kindness. Why was that important?

Grades 5-8 BULLYING (2 pages handwritten or 1 page typed and double spaced)

Starter suggestions for writing about BULLYING include

- Tell about a time when you or a friend were bullied. How did that feel?
- Tell about a time you bullied someone. What might you have done instead?
- Tell about online bullying. What is a good way to handle online bullying?

Grades 9-12 GUN SAFETY (2 pages typed and double spaced)

Starter suggestions for writing about GUN SAFETY include

- What is the difference between what our founding fathers were probably thinking about having guns and owning guns today?
- What do you think about the sale of AR 15 weaponry? What kinds of laws do you think are necessary to ensure public safety? What would you say in a letter to your congressman?
- How do recent school and/or other public shootings make you feel? What thoughts do you have each day as you go to school? What safety steps should be taken to make students feel safer?

Please consider encouraging young people you know to submit an entry into this contest. Entries are due on February 15, 2023. Information on how and where to submit entries will be forthcoming.

Chapter Grant

Thanks to Mary Jane Sterling, our application questions for the 2023 Chapter Grant is now in an easy-to-use fillable PDF format. Nu Chapter members will soon receive this form along with a cover sheet with instructions. These items will be made available to local educators and Nu Chapter members are encouraged to make them available to educators as well.

Scholarship/Study Stipend

DKG Illinois State Organization Scholarship/Special Study Stipend application deadlines are January 9, 2023.

If you will have completed a workshop, seminar, or class for your professional or personal growth between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022, you may apply for an ILSO Special Study Stipend.

Contact Cathy Curtis or Roberta Koscielski for ILSO Special Study Stipend guidelines and application form. \$500 has been approved for stipend awards.

Are you planning to enroll for:

- an academic year of full-time foreign or domestic study (\$2000 scholarship)
- a minimum of 12 semester hour or the equivalent of foreign or domestic study (\$1000 scholarship)
- a minimum of 6 semester hours for undergraduate or graduate work (\$500 scholarship)

Coursework is to be taken after April 2023 and completed within 2 years of that date.

Contact Cathy Curtis or Roberta Koscielski for ILSO Scholarship guidelines and application form.

The M. Josephine O'Neil Arts Award (up to \$10,000) guidelines and application can be found on ILSO website under Committees, Women in the Arts. Letter of Intent deadline January 1, 2023; application deadline February 1, 2023. Applicant must be:

- Female
- A legal resident of Illinois

- In or approaching her junior year at an accredited college/ university, **MAJORING** in one or more of the arts – music, dance, theater, visual arts
- Recommended by a local Illinois State Chapter

Membership Committee

Invite your someone special to a meeting

Spring is the season for fresh starts, renewal, awakening, and possibilities galore. Take a minute and look around. Who do you know that would like to be connected? Who do you know who would like to be engaged with a group of dynamic educators? Who is looking for a fresh start, a new group, a chance to enhance young educator's lives? Who do you know who would like to make a difference in the lives of Peoria's youth? Please invite these special gals to a meeting. We are looking to grow our chapter and you can make that possible.

Recommendations for membership may be submitted at any time to the Membership Committee or an officer.

2022-2023 Yearbook Updates

(September-November 2022)

p. 5 Music - Wrobel [REDACTED]

p. 13 top of page September 2022

p. 30 Meeting time is 4:30 p.m.

p. 47 Lakeview - **Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

p. 58 June 20-22 Creative Arts Retreat
Location: DoubleTree by Hilton, Bloomington, IL

Please contact Chris Berto if there are corrections and updates. These will be shared at meetings and in *Nu's Notes*.

Chris Berto - [REDACTED]

Past Meeting Minutes

NU Chapter (#13) General Membership Meeting, November 1, 2022

To be approved at the December 10, 2022 General Business Meeting

Program Jami Begole shared an overview of Dream Center Peoria in her presentation *Turning Dreams into Reality*.

Call to Order President Cathy Curtis called the meeting to order at 4:55 p.m. at PPL Main Branch followed by recitation of *A Collect for Teachers*. A quorum was present with 14 members in attendance.

Minutes The minutes of the October 5, 2022, meeting were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report (Mary Jane Sterling) The following report was presented and will be filed for financial review: Checking Account Balance October 5, 2022 \$516.70; Income \$0.00; Disbursements \$178.32 (\$143.97 Yearbook, \$16.35 *Nu's Notes*, \$18.00 President's mileage/ILSO Executive Board Meeting); Checking Account Balance November 1, 2022 \$338.38; CEFCU Savings Account Balance November 1, 2022 \$32.01; CEFCU Money Market November 1, 2022 \$8,159.76; Total Balance November 1, 2022 \$8,530.15.

Educational Excellence (Connie Voss) The December 10th meeting at PPL North Branch will include a craft activity to assemble tea candle decorations and brunch with members providing food items (or \$5 donation) and their own drinks. Members may also bring scarves, hats, gloves, etc. for PPL Giving Tree. Julie Frank led members in singing *Dream a Little Dream of Me*.

Communications and Marketing (Kathy Johnson) A birthday card was sent to Carol Sleeth and a sympathy card to Barb Blanco. *Nu's Notes* deadline is November 26. Yearbook updates were printed on the agenda. Cam Ratcliff shared information from Victim

Services Coordinator Aimee Shinall's presentation at the recent Women's Civic Federation Meeting.

Professional Advancement and Outreach (Roberta Koscielski) Roberta Koscielski reported that from August 1st to date, 690 new library cards had been issued to students in Peoria Public Schools. Overall distribution of new library cards was up 900 cards from last year at this time. Attendance by Nu members at zoomed Legislative Seminars was as follows: Mental Health-2; Pensions-2; Banned Books-4. She reviewed Nu Chapter Grant Call for Proposals information and reported that the Foundation stipend application was submitted October 31. Cindy Baldwin shared that she had not received a response from Kristan H. McKinsey or Kaitlyn Ostolaza regarding the M. Josephine O'Neil Arts Award.

Unfinished Business None

New Business Members discussed volunteer activities at Dream Center Peoria as well as needed donations.

Announcements Side by Side meets November 7 at 3:30 p.m. at the home of Mary Jane Sterling.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Mary Taylor, Secretary
Cathy Curtis, President



Have You Been Thinking?

Delta Kappa Gamma has the opportunity each year to help young ladies in their teacher education. Please share names of those you think may qualify.

READ....READ...READ

Keep track of minutes you have been reading. We will let you know how Shirley will collect them.





MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Monday, February 6, 2023

3:30 p.m. Sign in; 3:45 p.m. Program;
4:30 p.m. Meeting;

Peoria Public Library Lakeview Branch,
Lakeview Room, 1137 W. Lake Avenue, Peoria

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Purposes: 1, 6, 7

Music: *The Delta Kappa Gamma Song*

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Hostess: Educational Excellence—Program Committee

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Need a Ride???



If you would like to attend a meeting and would like a ride but don't know who to call, please contact any of the officers (telephone or email), and/or reply in your email response.

Side by Side

Come one Come all.....



We are having so much fun with Side by Side that we would like to have it throughout the winter months.

- March 13, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. at Kathy Johnson's home
- May 20, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Kathy Johnson's home

EVERYONE IS WELCOME. You do not even need to bring a craft to work on. Just come and enjoy the company!