



Nu's Notes



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



Happy Spring!

Hibernation season is over and it's time to get out, get together again with your friends, maybe travel?

Nu chapter offers lots of action and fun.

Plans for the annual Coordinating Council meeting are set for April 1. Sue Dion and Marge Oesch will present a Creative Arts Retreat Preview and will include some arts activities! Bring your creative spirit! The menu includes cheese omelets with your choice of toppings, fresh fruit, breakfast breads, muffins and Danish, and coffee. Send your \$15 check to Mary Jane Sterling to make your reservation.

Later in April the ILSO convention invites you to Oak Brook. You'll find more than 30 great presentations including Pairing Wine with Food, chapter projects, technology up-dates, ILSO workshops - and so much more. All the details are in the Spring Newscastr and on the ILSO website.

If you're looking for a volunteer job, help Make the Arts your Superpower! On Tuesday afternoons March 7, 14 and 21 you can assist Destinee, our Resident Artist, as she helps students at the Knoxville Center for Student Success express themselves through poetry. More opportunities to work with young people will be available at the Regional Learning Center on Thursdays in April and May.

And saving the best for last... Nu chapter's May meeting is the magical, marvelous Math in the Movies presented by Mary Jane Sterling. Everyone will enjoy the show!

So much to do – Happy Spring! – Cathy

Peoria Dream Center Donations

The Nu Chapter donations for the Dream Center filled up the entire back of my SUV plus the entire back seat! I drove up into the area off Hamilton Blvd., knocked on the door, and was immediately greeted by two gentlemen who excitedly unloaded all our treasures. They were quite thrilled by all the goodies and expressed their sincere appreciation. What a great adventure!

And, for those of you who expressed the wish for another opportunity to do this, it will happen. We definitely need to do this again! – Mary Jane Sterling



READ....READ...READ

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



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Roberta Koscielski, recently retired deputy director of the Peoria Public Library, who has been named to the honor roll of Illinois Library Luminaries by the Illinois Library Association. Roberta was honored as the 2020 Librarian of the Year. See page 10



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

Yearbook Update

p. 5 Women in the Arts – insert **Hobbs** after Scheffel

p. 48 Baldwin – insert **W.** before Todd

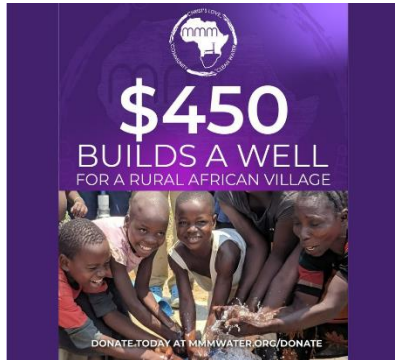
Please contact Chris Berto if there are corrections and updates. These will be shared at meetings and in *Nu's Notes*.

Chris Berto - [REDACTED]

2023 Malawi Well

By Mary Jane Sterling

Sometimes we take clean water for granted while others see it as a blessing. And there are so many things in this world we cannot change. But Nu Chapter



has been working to help make a change by so far providing the funds necessary to build 5 wells! Our Malawi Well Fund grows slowly and steadily. We have found that, by contributing just a few extra dollars to the cause, we are making a difference.

Right now we have \$300 toward our 6th well. We've been getting donations and recently contributions from those who are "borrowing" our Peoria Reads book. And, even more exciting: once we meet the goal for well #6, I have a friend who will match our gift and make it #7!!



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.

Artist in Residence

Peoria Public Library McClure Branch Manager Sarah Couri and local published poet and author Destinee Wilson have been working together to plan the Artist in Residence program funded by the Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies for February and March. They have confirmed the following dates at the Knoxville Center for Student Success (2628 Knoxville Ave, Peoria, IL 61604). All classes will be held on Tuesdays from 1:30 to 2:30:

- Tuesday, 2/21
- Tuesday, 2/28
- Tuesday, 3/7
- Tuesday, 3/14
- Tuesday, 3/21

They are still working out the schedule for working with the Regional Learning Center, which is housed at the Franciscan Rec Center on Sterling. Those will be on Thursday mornings, exact time and start dates still to be determined, but probably starting mid-April and going through mid-May in order to avoid spring break.

Sarah doesn't think they will need a ton of volunteers, but if people are interested in giving some time, they would not say no to an extra set of hands on those Tuesday afternoons. And if any Nu Chapter members want to volunteer at the McClure Branch during the office hours (2/18 at 6:30 pm, and 2/23 at 6:30 pm), it would be great to have someone willing to photograph/help out.



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.

Nu Chapter Rules and Proposed Amendments

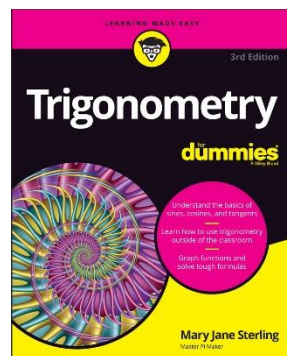
See pages 7-9 of this newsletter for a full listing of Amendments to Nu Chapter Rules are being proposed, inserting words in bold face and striking those with strikethrough. Nu Chapter Rules can be found in the yearbook (pp. 34-45.)

Proposed amendments will be voted upon at the May 6 meeting. If you have additional amendments or any questions about the proposed amendments, please contact Chris Berto.

Dedication

(from Mary Jane Sterling's new book)

I would like to dedicate this edition of *Trigonometry For Dummies* to Nu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, Illinois State. Working with the members of this teachers' group for the past 25 years has allowed me to have wonderful interactions with the members and participate in projects helping local schools and students. The friendships and fellowship have enriched my life immensely, just as the club's activities have enriched the community.



Past Meeting Minutes

NU Chapter (#13) General Membership Meeting, December 10, 2022

Approved at the February 6, 2023 General Business Meeting

Call to Order President Cathy Curtis called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. at PPL North Branch followed by the recitation of *A Collect*

for Teachers. A quorum was present with 13 members in attendance.

Minutes The minutes of the November 1, 2022, meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report (Mary Jane Sterling) The following report was presented and will be filed for financial review: Checking Account Balance November 1, 2022 \$338.38; Income \$0.00; Disbursements \$0.00; Checking Account Balance December 10, 2022 \$338.38; CEFCU Savings Account Balance November 1, 2022 \$32.01; Interest \$0.01; Savings Account Balance December 10, 2022 \$32.02; CEFCU Money Market November 1, 2022 \$8,159.76; Dividends \$5.43; Savings Account Balance December 10, 2022 \$8,165.19; Total Balance December 10, 2022 \$8,535.59. Monies donated by members when borrowing *The Bluest Eye* will go to MMM Well Project Fund. A check for \$2000 from the Foundation was received, will be deposited, and a check for \$2000 will be written to Peoria Public Library for *Make the Arts Your Superpower Through Storytelling*.

Communications and Marketing (Kathy Johnson) December *Nu's Notes* were distributed. The next deadline for articles is February 20, 2023. Christmas cards were mailed to members with health issues. Connie Voss will email Christmas Greetings to members.

Membership (Carol Sleeth) Carol Sleeth recognized Roberta Koscielski for being named to the honor roll of Illinois Library Luminaries by the Illinois Library Association.



Professional Advancement and Outreach (Roberta Koscielski) Roberta Koscielski referenced the articles in *Nu's Notes* about the Student Literary Arts Recognition Program, Nu Chapter Grant, ILSO Scholarships, and *Make the Arts Your Superpower Through Storytelling* project which will include a variety of volunteer opportunities for Nu Chapter members. Peoria Reads book discussion of *The Bluest Eye* will

take place during the March 6th meeting at Proctor Place. A possible bake sale held in conjunction with the meeting was discussed with proceeds going to MMM Well Project Fund.

Educational Excellence (Connie Voss) Becky Rossman will present the program about Peoria Community Against Violence during the February 6th meeting at PPL Lakeview Branch. A 2023-2024 program on an African Safari was suggested. The Peoria Public Library brochure created by Mary Jane Sterling, Roberta Koscielski, and Jeanette Kosier was shared. Members joined in singing "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" and "Jingle Bells."

Unfinished Business None

New Business None

Announcements Deadlines, yearbook updates, and January 21 Side by Side information were listed on the printed agenda.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Program A craft activity and potluck followed the meeting.

Mary Taylor, Secretary
Cathy Curtis, President

NU Chapter (#13) General Membership Meeting, February 6, 2023

To be approved at the March 6, 2023 General Business Meeting

Program Becky Rossman, PCAV CEO and Ken Godbolt, PCAV Community Outreach Coordinator and Life Coach, presented the program on Peoria Community Against Violence.

Call to Order President Cathy Curtis called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. at PPL Lakeview Branch followed by the recitation of *A Collect for Teachers*. A quorum was present with 12 members in attendance.

Minutes The minutes of the December 10, 2022, meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report (Mary Jane Sterling) The following report was presented and will be filed for financial review: The following report was presented and will be filed for financial review: Checking Account Balance January 23, 2023 \$338.38; Income \$2020.00 (\$2000.00 Foundation Stipend, \$20.00 Potluck); Disbursements \$2014.25 (\$2000.00 PPL/Foundation Stipend, \$14.25 *Nu's Notes*); Checking Account Balance February 6, 2023 \$344.13; CEFCU Savings Account Balance January 23, 2023 \$32.02, Dividends \$0.01, Extraordinary Dividend \$8.50; Savings Account Balance February 6, 2023 \$40.53; CEFCU Money Market Balance January 23 2023, \$8,165.19; Dividends \$4.35; CEFCU Money Market Balance February 6, 2023 \$8,172.73; Total Balance February 6, 2023 \$8,557.39.

Educational Excellence (Connie Voss) The program for the March 6th meeting at Proctor Place is a book discussion of The Bluest Eye. Proctor residents will be invited, and a bake sale will be held (proceeds for the Marion Medical Mission Well Project). Proceeds from donations from members borrowing copies of The Bluest Eye will also go to the Marion Medical Mission Well Project. Connie will forward the link for "United for Peace: Searching for Solutions" in which Ken Godbolt and PCAV were featured. Julie Frank led the singing of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Song*.

Communications and Marketing Cam Ratcliff shared highlights from Peoria Women's Federation speaker Pam Adam's presentation on the history of the Colored Women's Aid Club and its community initiatives and projects. *Nu's Notes* deadline is February 20th.

Professional Advancement and Outreach Nu Chapter Grant application information has been sent to the Peoria Public Schools and Notre Dame. Events scheduled thus far for *Make the Arts Your Superpower Through Storytelling* include four adult workshops: Informal Workshops - February 18/March 18, 6:30 p.m., McClure Library and Writing

Workshops - February 23/March 23, 6:30 p.m., McClure Library. Tentative plans also include working with students at the Peoria Regional Learning Center, Knoxville Center for School Success, and Peoria High School. McClure Librarian Sarah Couri is preparing a display to showcase *Making the Arts Your Superpower* and *Making the Arts Your Superpower Through Storytelling* at the ILSO Convention. Student Literary Arts Recognition submissions are due February 15th.

Rules (Chris Berto) Proposed amendments for Nu Chapter Rules will appear in March *Nu's Notes* and will be voted upon at the May 6th meeting. Members wishing to submit amendments may contact Chris Berto.

Nominations Jane Sterling has been nominated for 2023-2025 ILSO First Vice-President.

Unfinished Business None

New Business None

Announcements Mary Jane Sterling thanked members for their contributions to Peoria Dream Center.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Mary Taylor, Secretary
Cathy Curtis, President

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS**



Saturday, April 1, 2023

Peoria Area Coordinating Council Joint Meeting

Barrack's Cater Inn, 1224 W. Pioneer Parkway, Peoria

9:30 a.m. Registration; 10:00 Brunch;
10:45 Program; 11:30 Meeting

Program: Creative Arts Retreat Preview by Sue Dion and Marg Oesch

Saturday, May 6, 2023

10:00 a.m. Sign in; 10:15 a.m. Program;
11:00 a.m. Meeting

Peoria Public Library North Branch, Seminar Room, 3001 W. Grand Parkway, Peoria

Program: *Together Again for Math in the Movies*, Mary Jane Sterling

Purposes: 1, 6, 7

Music: *Sitting on Top of the World*

Donations: Books for PPL or monetary donation for Friends of PPL

Hostess: Educational Excellence—Program Committee

Saturday, June 3, 2023

10:00 a.m. Sign in; 10:15 a.m. Program;
11:00 a.m. Meeting if needed after the Program

Meet at Peoria Notre Dame parking lot to tour by bus

Program: *Together Again for Peoria History Tour II*, Cathy Curtis

Purposes: 1, 6, 7

Music: *How I Wish I Was in Peoria*

Hostess: Educational Excellence—Program Committee

**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.

The following amendments to Nu Chapter Rules are being proposed, inserting words in bold face and striking those with strikethrough. Nu Chapter Rules can be found in the yearbook (pp. 34-45.)

Proposed amendments will be voted upon at the May 6th meeting. If you have additional amendments or any questions about the proposed amendments, please contact Chris Berto.

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III. Finances

A. The Finance Committee shall develop a budget and present the proposed budget and proposed dues and assessments at the May meeting **or by June 30** for chapter approval.

B. Annual chapter dues shall be thirty-two dollars (\$32.00) for active and reserve members and zero dollars (\$0.00) for collegiate members. Chapter dues and assessments shall be paid to the chapter treasurer by June 30 unless other arrangements have been made. New members who pay dues after January 1 and before April 1 shall pay one-half the chapter dues. New members who pay dues after April 1 shall pay the full annual chapter dues of thirty-two dollars (\$32.00) **for the ensuing year. Reinstated members shall pay full annual dues whenever reinstated.**

F. The cost of any reservation not canceled by the deadline is to be ~~collected by the Phone Tree designees and presented to~~ **paid by the member to the Treasurer.**

Add a new S

S. Returned Society jewelry may be made available to members. See IV. D. 2. f) (12)

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c)The Second Vice-President shall: (4)facilitate the Educational Excellence Committee activities that:

(f) finalize meeting arrangements involving facilities, meeting equipment and donation collection; ~~Direct~~ **provide hostesses with attendance/reservation list, nametags (as needed) and meal/refreshment fee instructions (when applicable);** ~~to take attendance, distribute updated name tags to members (provide name tags for guests), collect meal/refreshment fees, provide needed change; distribute completed attendance sheets to the Recording Secretary, Membership Chair, Corresponding Secretary, and Phone Tree designee.~~ **share member attendance with Recording Secretary, Membership Chair, and Corresponding Secretary**

(g) ~~direct the Phone Tree designee to provide necessary meeting information to callers and prepare a composite attendance/reservation report for Arrangements designee and hostesses.~~ **provide member contact person(s) with meeting information; compile attendance/reservation list for meeting**

(i) ~~direct the Phone Tree designee to collect money from members who make a reservation, fail to cancel by the designated deadline and do not attend the meeting; give collected money to the Treasurer.~~ **inform Treasurer of unpaid reservations.**

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IV. Officers and Committees D. Duties 2. Additional Duties d) The Recording Secretary shall: (10) ~~maintain a current scrapbook of activities/members' accomplishments.~~

Renumber (11) to (10)

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IV. Officers and Committees D. Duties 2. Additional Duties e) Corresponding Secretary (10)

(b) the *Nu's Notes* Editor, who shall:

~~(ii) send induction reports immediately following induction to the Illinois State Organization Editor.~~

~~(iii)~~ **(ii)** send information regarding **new members**, chapter activities, and members' accomplishments to the Illinois State Organization Editor per deadlines **to the Newscaster Editor** for the four editions of the *Newscaster*.

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IV. Officers and Committees D. Duties 2. Additional Duties f) The Treasurer

Add a new (12) and renumber existing (12), (13), (14)

(12) establish resale price for returned Society jewelry.

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IV. Officers and Committees D. Duties 2. Additional Duties g) The Parliamentarian shall:

(3) serve as an ex officio member, ~~without~~ **with** vote, on the Rules Committee.

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IV. Officers and Committees 2. Additional Duties h) The Professional Advancement and Outreach Committee (Society Mission and Purposes)

(13) seek/select female ~~early career~~ educator(s) employed in the Greater Peoria Area as a recipient of moneys/activities/gifts made possible by the Chapter Grant (\$150 plus any \$5 memorial and/or program contributions to be budgeted annually).

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V. Meetings

C. All members being notified, chapter meetings may be ~~face-to-face~~ **in person**, through electronic communications, or through a combination of the two, as long as members present may simultaneously hear one another and participate during the meeting.

F. Matters requiring immediate action may be voted upon by mail, phone, or electronic transmission. The President is responsible for conducting the vote. Ratification of all voting by mail (postal or electronic) must be made at the next ~~face-to-face~~ meeting of the chapter.

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VI. Executive Board

E. Executive Board meetings shall be held prior to Nu Chapter meetings (time and place to be set by the President). All members being notified, Executive Board meetings may be ~~face-to-face~~ **in person**, through electronic communications, or through a combination of the two, as long as members present may simultaneously hear one another and participate during the meeting.

D. Matters requiring immediate action may be voted upon by mail, electronic transmission, or phone. The President ~~shall designate the person~~ **is** responsible for conducting the vote. Ratification of all

voting by mail (postal or electronic) must be made at the next ~~face-to-face~~ meeting of the Executive Board.

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Strike all of Article IX Member Responsibilities from Chapter Rules Information appears in Orientation Guide

~~IX. Member Responsibilities~~

~~A. A member shall attend scheduled meetings. If a member is unable to attend a meeting, she shall inform the caller.~~

~~B. A member shall accept committee responsibility for chapter work.~~

~~C. An active and reserve member's financial obligations include:~~

~~1. payment of dues and fees membership is terminated for non-payment of dues and fees by October 1, resignation or death; a former member shall be reinstated with no reinstatement fee or vote by the chapter receiving the request.~~

~~2. costs of meal functions/refreshments resulting from reservations made by member; a member who makes a reservation and does not cancel by the deadline shall pay cost incurred by reservation to the Phone Tree designee~~

~~D. A member in good standing may transfer from one chapter to another upon notification to Society Headquarters;~~

~~E. Serve as hostess for meeting per assignment by the Education Excellence Committee.~~

Yearbook p. 44-45

Strike all Article X. Society Jewelry from Chapter Rules. Edit as noted below and include on page 23 in yearbook.

~~X. Official Jewelry~~

~~A. A member may purchase/wear the DKG keypin.~~

~~B. The official jewelry may be worn on a ribbon or other manner as desired by the member.~~

~~C. The official jewelry of a member who dies, resigns or is dropped from membership may be returned to the~~

~~chapter. A member is encouraged to provide instructions for the disposition of official jewelry upon her death.~~

~~D. Reclaimed official jewelry may be sold to inductees or to members at two-thirds the current price.~~
Returned Society jewelry may be made available to members. Added as new S. in III Finances

Add a new article IX; renumber existing XI and XII to X and XI

IX. Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, current edition, shall govern the proceedings of Nu Chapter in all cases not provided for in the *Constitution*, Illinois State Organization Bylaws and Standing Rules, and Nu Chapter Rules.



This honor roll for Illinois libraries serves the dual purpose of recognizing outstanding voices in the library community, while creating a legacy through the ILA Endowment to continue their important work.

2022

Roberta Koscielski

After 38 years of being a vibrant force for good in her community, Roberta retired as Peoria Public Library's Deputy Director in 2022. She is well-known and respected for the countless ways she has inspired and guided connections between the library and all facets of the community.



Roberta was honored as the 2020 Librarian of the Year by the Illinois Library Association. In her nomination, Roberta is described as "a passionate, dedicated champion of her community, her library's role in it, and the profession at large." Roberta was the first Peoria Public Library librarian to receive this statewide honor.

During her career, she forged connections with city leaders, area nonprofits, and other organizations. For decades, she was an adult literacy tutor and board member for first Common Place and then Neighborhood House. Her tireless volunteer efforts garnered her a Volunteer Service Award and a one-on-one meeting with then-President George W. Bush in 2007.

Her work in raising opioid addiction awareness in libraries was recognized nationally. She was dubbed "a new first responder" by *U.S. News and World Report* and named as one of *Library Journal's* Movers and Shakers in 2018.

Roberta started Peoria Reads!, a one city, one book program with Common Place in 2001 and was its main steward for 20 years, attracting additional community partners, including Bradley University, Methodist College and Neighborhood House.

Roberta graduated with distinction with a bachelor's degree in linguistics from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and then immediately completed a master's degree in library science at the university. While much of her career has been in administration, Roberta always welcomed opportunities to work one-on-one with patrons. She lead two book clubs through the library, which she plans to continue after retiring. Her retirement plans also include using her grant-writing skills to help our Friends of Peoria Public Library.

Inducted November 17, 2022

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