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



It was my great pleasure to represent Nu Chapter at the ILSO convention in April. We can all be so proud of our members and our programs. The chapter received awards

for donating **TWO** wells to the Marion Medical Mission program and recognition for receiving the Lambda State Foundation grant for which Roberta Koscielski applied. We displayed our tri-fold poster of *Make the Arts your Superpower* and discussed the program with several ILSO members.

At the luncheon Saturday, Chris Berto and Sandy White were recognized for their 50 years of membership in DKG. Helen Dunn and Cindy Baldwin received certificates for their 65- and 40-year memberships respectively.

The highlight of the Saturday night banquet was the installation of Mary Jane Sterling as First Vice-president of the ILSO for the next biennium. So many members at the convention told me how much they loved, appreciated, admired, counted on Mary Jane. The 2025 convention should be in central Illinois and Mary Jane will be in charge of everything! Plan now to attend the convention and pledge yourself to helping Mary Jane however you can.

Thank you all for granting me the honor of representing you at the ILSO convention.

– Cathy

READ....READ...READ

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



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. 4 Leadership Development
Susan Cottrell's email has been changed
[REDACTED]

Updating Contact Information

We are in the process of updating contact information for the 2023-2024 Nu Chapter yearbook and "next of kin" information that we keep on file. Should changes occur after you have verified information with Chris Berto, please contact Chris with changes. Thank You!

Chris Berto [REDACTED]

Professional Advancement and Outreach Congratulations!



to Maureen Vadis, Peoria Notre Dame High School Librarian, who was selected to receive the 2023 DGK Nu Chapter Grant. Her project, "Lucky Leprechaun Readers," will enable high school students to gain experience in selecting, planning, and leading children's activities. The funds from this grant will give students the resources to select literacy-focused materials to be shared with the preschool students enrolled in the Leprechaun Academy. The little Leprechauns will take home the print books and start to build a home library to be shared with their families. The objective is for the Leprechauns to interact with a variety of types of texts and start to build a home library that may be shared with parents and siblings and expand and enrich reading opportunities. Congratulations, Maureen!

Sarah Couri, Manager of Peoria Public Library McClure Branch, continues to implement the "Make Arts Your Superpower" artist in residence program funded by the Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies. This year's artist in residence, Destinee Wilson, has been working with students from the Knoxville Center for Student Success and the Peoria Regional Learning Center, guiding them in learning about and writing poetry. Destinee has also provided "office hours" at McClure Branch so that poetry writers can visit and have Destinee read and make suggestions to enhance their work. Sarah Couri also created a trifold display that was exhibited at the recent Illinois State Organization Convention in Oakbrook, Illinois. Well done, Sarah!



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.

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.

Past Meeting Minutes

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

To Be Approved at the May 6, 2023 General Business Meeting

Program Roberta Koscielski, Nu Chapter, led a book discussion on The Bluest Eye. Nu Chapter members chose the book as a part of Peoria Reads focus on banned and challenged books. Thirteen members and two guests attended.

Call to Order First Vice-President Carol Sleeth called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m. at Proctor Place followed by the recitation of *A Collect for Teachers*. A quorum was present with 13 members in attendance.

Minutes The minutes of the February 6, 2023 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 February 6, 2023 \$344.13; Income \$50.00 (\$50.00 MMM Well Project, Book Exchange); Disbursements \$0.00; Checking Account Balance March 6, 2023 \$394.13; CEFCU

Savings Account Balance February 6, 2023 \$40.54; Dividends \$0.01; Savings Account Balance March 6, 2023 \$40.55; CEFCU Money Market Balance February 6 2023 \$8,172.73; Dividends \$4.85; CEFCU Money Market Balance March 6, 2023 \$8,177.58; Total Balance March 6, 2023 \$8,612.26.

Educational Excellence (Connie Voss) Mary Jane Sterling will present "Math in the Movies" at the May 6th meeting at PPL North Branch. The June 3rd program will be Peoria History Bus Tour II led by Cathy Curtis and Tom Menger.

Communications and Marketing Cam Ratcliff shared highlights from Peoria Women's Federation speaker Molly Hogeboom, Easterseals Central IL Community Engagement Manager, who spoke about the many services offered by Easterseals. *Nu's Notes* deadline is April 22nd. Yearbook updates can be found on the agenda and in March *Nu's Notes*.

Professional Advancement and Outreach (Roberta Koscielski) Roberta Koscielski reported that Notre Dame High School has applied for the Nu Chapter Grant. The application deadline is March 31st. Artist in Residence Destinee Wilson held a writing workshop February 18th and a writing class February 23rd at PPL McClure Branch with additional classes scheduled for March 18th/23rd. Sessions for students at Knoxville Center for Student Success are February 22nd/28th and March 7th/14th/21st. Peoria Regional Learning Center sessions have yet to be scheduled. Students receive a personal journal for writing, a copy of Respect the Mic, a pencil, and a pen. Shirley Dresden shared her partially constructed puzzle used to chart MMM Well Project donations and encouraged members to purchase baked goods, the proceeds from which will help meet the \$450.00 Well Project goal. Should the goal be reached, an anonymous donor will match the amount, thus allowing Nu Chapter to purchase two wells.

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

Coordinating Council (Carol Sleeth) Reservations for the April 1st Coordinating Council Brunch (\$15 for omelet/toppings/fruit/coffee) should be made with Cathy Curtis or Mary Jane Sterling by March 15th. The program on the Creative Arts Retreat will include a "make it/take it" activity.

Convention (Carol Sleeth) April 21-23 ILSO Convention information appears in the Spring *Newscaster*, and members wishing to attend may contact Cathy Curtis.

New Business None

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Mary Taylor, Secretary
Carol Sleeth, First Vice-President

Dues 2023

Once again, your dues for Delta Kappa Gamma are due on June 30. Dues for Active members are \$96, but members can take a \$20 relief and pay \$76.



Members can pay their dues at the May meeting or June bus tour or by sending a check to Mary Jane Sterling [REDACTED].

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

Thursday, September 7, 2023

6:00 p.m. Sign in; 6:15 p.m. Program;
7:00 p.m. Meeting

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

Program: *Together Again: Wildlife Prairie*, Roberta English, Executive Director

Purposes: 1, 6

Music: *What a Wonderful World*

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

Hostess: Educational Excellence—Program Committee

Wednesday, October 5, 2023

3:00 p.m. Sign in; 3:15 p.m. Program;
4:00 p.m. Meeting

PPS Administration Building; 3202 N.
Wisconsin, Peoria

Program: *Together Again: Peoria Public
Schools*, Dr. Sharon Kherat, Superintendent

Purposes: 1, 2, 4, 6, 7

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

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.

- **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.

Apply for your share of the Facebook Settlement

from the Peoria Journal Star, April 2023

“If you have had a Facebook account between
2007 and 2022, you could have some free
money coming to you.”

“Anyone in the U.S. who had a Facebook
account from May 24, 2007, and December 22,
2022, can file a claim.”

“To file online, go to
facebookuserprivacysettlement.com, click on
the “submit claim” tab, fill out the form and then
decide how you would like to be paid: prepaid
Mastercard gift cards, PayPal, Venmo, direct
deposit or Zelle.”

“To file by mail, you can print out the claim
forms at facebookuserprivacysettlement.com,
click on the important documents tab, and mail
in the forms.”

All claims must be filed by August 25, 2023.

The average payout to each claim has yet to
be determined. The larger the number of
people submitting valid claims, the smaller
each payment will be since the money has to
be divided among the claims.”

The final settlement hearing is scheduled for
September 7, 2023, so payments won't be
distributed until after that.”