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

President's message

Busy springtime is here! DKG will keep you hopping all the way from Easter to June. You can start with a Wordie practice session on March 19. Then there's the Coordinating Council meeting on April 6 followed by a virtual Art Mart Auction on April 10 from 6:30 to 8:00. The Illinois State Convention is accessible to everyone on-line this year April 19-21. Nu chapter's One Book Book Club will be a two-book discussion this year on April 25. Then we have two great Nu chapter meetings on May 4 and June 5. Our May 4 meeting will feature Mary Jane Sterling's program on recycling, and June 5 will find us touring the Wheels of Time Museum. And finally, the Creative Arts Retreat will be in Bloomington June 18-20.



So many things to do – so little time! Be sure to take time to smell the roses of spring and enjoy the company of your family and friends.

– Cathy

Convenient Convention!

Here's a State convention you can all attend – even in your pajamas! This year's convention is being held from Thursday, April 18 through Sunday April 21. You'll find the full schedule in the March *Newscaster*, but here are a couple of things we want to highlight:

- Two book discussions (*The Last Thing He Told Me*, *In Love: A Memoir of Love and Loss*)
- Keynote speaker, Dr. Temple Grandin (Dr. Grandin will tell the story of her life, her inventions, and her work with the autistic community. She is the author of several books on the humane treatment of animals and on autism.)
- Over a dozen Saturday afternoon workshops – many topics, lots to choose from here
- Lots of technical help

And there will be that Wordie contest on Thursday, followed by a favorite of many, Zentangle.

Did you want to practice some Wordies? We will be having a Zoom session doing just that on March 19. Watch for the link on the weekly *What's Happening!*

You can register for the Convention and all of its happenings by going to our State Website. It only costs \$10 or \$11, depending on your choice of payment.

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.

Nu Chapter Book Discussions

We will be discussing the books Nature's Best Hope by Doug Tallamy and Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt on Thursday, April 25, from 1:00 – 2:30 pm. We have reserved the lower level meeting room of the McClure Branch Library, 315 West McClure (at the intersection of McClure and North Streets).

Book List from the February 3 Meeting

The Book Thief, Markus Zusak

The Lineage of Grace, Francine Rivers

The Secret Life of Sunflowers, Marta Molnar

The Braid, Laetitia Colombani

The Turn of the Key, Ruth Ware

The Woman in Cabin 10, Ruth Ware

The It Girl, Ruth Ware

Hawaii, James Michener

Myself and the Other Fellow, Claire Harman

Books to read for Nu Chapter April Discussion:

Nature's Best Hope, Douglas Tallamy

Remarkably Bright Creatures, Shelby Van Pelt

Other books mentioned:

Two Nights in Lisbon, Chris Pavone

West With Giraffes, Lynda Rutledge (Zoom book discussion February 8; see nuchapterdkg.weebly.com)

Being reviewed during April State convention:

In Love. A Memoir of Love and Loss, Amy Bloom

The Last Thing He Told Me, Laura Dave

Peoria Reads:

Flight Behavior, Barbara Kingsolver

Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera, Candace Fleming, a children's picture book

Reviewed, via Zoom, on February 26,

All the Beauty In the World, Patrick Bringley

Peoria Reads

Nu chapter will read *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt for the May 4 meeting. We'll discuss the books at separate gatherings – maybe over lunch – on days close to the meeting days. These books are available at Peoria libraries.

Newscaster

Please let Cathy Curtis know if you'd like to receive your Newscaster electronically rather than in paper form.

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.



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.

Past Meeting Minutes

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

Approved at the January 18, 2024
General Business Meeting

Call to Order President Cathy Curtis called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. at Notre Dame Library. A quorum was present with 11 members in attendance.

Minutes Minutes of the November 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 October 30, 2023 \$429.98; Income \$0.00; Disbursements \$0.00 Checking Account Balance November 27, 2023 \$429.98; CEFCU Savings Balance October 30, 2023 \$40.64; Dividends \$0.01; Savings Balance November 27, 2023 \$40.65; CEFCU Money Market Account Balance October 30, 2023 \$2,720.64; Dividends \$2.41 Money Market Account Balance November 27, 2023 \$2,723.05; Certificate of Deposit \$5,000.00; Total November 27, 2023 \$8,193.68. Nu will receive \$17.30 in extraordinary dividends from CEFCU. Mary Jane shared Marion Medical Mission pictures of two wells built with donations from Nu Chapter. The pictures will appear on Nu's website and in *Nu's Notes*.

Communications and Marketing Dorothy Dean distributed *Nu's Notes*, shared a *Nu's Notes* compliment from Joan Róg, and reminded members of the February 21st deadline for the March edition. Kathy Johnson will be asked to send a card to Karin Johnson who is scheduled for surgery in December.

Educational Excellence Julie Frank entertained members by singing *The Restroom Door*. Cam Ratcliff shared highlights from the Women's Civic Federation "Prayerful Arts"

presentation by Illinois artist Crystal Pothoff who meditates as she paints Ukraine eggs.

Professional Advancement and Outreach (Roberta Koscielski) Members will be asked to read Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard (Douglas Tallamy) by the March meeting and Remarkably Bright Creatures (Shelby Van Pelt) by the May meeting. Books may be checked out from Peoria Public Library. Dates, times, and locations of these Peoria Reads book discussions will be announced, and guests may be invited.

Nominations Cathy Curtis stated that the election of 2024-2026 officers will be held at another meeting.

Unfinished Business None

New Business None

Announcements Members were reminded of Lunch with Linda December 9th and ILSO Music checkout. Shirley Dresden reported that members had read 8,794,180 minutes as May 2023 and encouraged members to report minutes read since that time. Mary Jane Sterling sought volunteers for a "Wordie" practice via Zoom in January.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Program Members crafted ornaments and held a bake sale. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to Peoria Regional Learning Center.

Mary Taylor, Secretary
Cathy Curtis, President

NU Chapter (#13) General Membership Meeting January 18, 2024

**Approved at the February 3, 2024
General Business Meeting**

Program Tour and presentation by Teresa VonRohr, Principal of Peoria Regional Learning Center, an alternative learning

opportunity for Peoria County high school students to succeed. 10 members were present for the program. Nu Chapter donated \$100 and school supplies to the center.

Call to Order President Cathy Curtis called the meeting to order at 3:28 p.m. at the Peoria Regional Learning Center. A quorum was present with 9 members in attendance.

Minutes Minutes of the December 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 December 6, 2023 \$429.98; Income \$100.00 Cookie Sales; Disbursements \$17.48 Nu's Notes printing; Checking Account Balance January 8, 2024 \$512.50; CEFCU Savings Balance December 6, 2023 \$40.67; Dividend \$0.02; Extraordinary Dividend \$17.30; Savings Balance January 8, 2024 \$57.99; CEFCU Money Market Account Balance December 6, 2023 \$2,726.40; Dividends \$4.17; Money Market Account Balance January 8, 2024 \$2,730.57; Certificate of Deposit \$5,000.00; Total Balance January 8, 2024 \$8,301.06.

Educational Excellence (Connie Voss) The Saturday, February 3rd program at Proctor Place, Multipurpose Room, will include a potluck and a members' book sharing.

Communications and Marketing Mary Jane Sterling will post pictures from today's meeting on Nu Chapter's website (nuchapterdkg.weebly.com). An introductory Wordies Game Zoom practice session, Bev Johns' Zoom Meeting for Fun with Wordies with Mary Jane, will be Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. This practice is in preparation for convention's Wordies Game.

Professional Advancement and Outreach (Roberta Koscielski) Peoria Regional Learning Center teachers were encouraged to apply for the \$165 Nu Chapter Grant. Roberta will email application to Teresa. The application deadline for the \$165 grant is the end of February. Teachers were asked to send specific wish lists to Nu Chapter.

Nominations The position of President is yet to be filled. Barb Blanco proposed the concept of a Co- Presidents nomination.

Unfinished Business None

New Business None

Announcements Side by Side will meet 9:30 a.m. January 20th at Mary Jane Sterling’s home.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Mary Taylor, Secretary
Cathy Curtis, President

NU Chapter (#13) General Membership Meeting February 3, 2024

To Be Approved at the March 6, 2024
General Business Meeting

Program Eight members shared fellowship, a potluck lunch, and book titles/brief summaries of books they had read.

Call to Order First Vice-President Carol Sleeth called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.at Proctor Place. A quorum was present with nine members in attendance.

Minutes Minutes of the January 18, 2024 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 January 18, 2024 \$512.50; Income \$0.00; Disbursements \$100.00 Peoria Regional Learning Center; Checking Account Balance February 3, 2024 \$412.50; CEFCU Savings Balance January 18, 2024 \$57.99; Dividends \$0.03; Savings Balance February 3, 2024 \$58.02; CEFCU Money Market Account Balance January 18, 2024 \$2,730.57; Dividends \$3.44 Money Market Account Balance February 3, 2024 \$2,734.01; Certificate of Deposit \$5,000.00; Total Balance February 3, 2024 \$8,204.53. CD interest of

approximately \$68 will be included in the next treasurer’s report.

Educational Excellence (Connie Voss) Paul Resnick, Master Naturalist, will present Growing Native Plants March 6th at PPL Lakeview Branch. Mary Jane Sterling shared April 17-21 ILSO Convention highlights including Keynote Speaker Dr. Temple Grandin, planned “tech” practices for attendees, 5-minute videos, and March Zoom Wordie practice. A sneak preview of the convention program will be shared February 10th at 11:00 a.m. during Lunch with Linda.

Professional Advancement and Outreach (Roberta Koscielski) Roberta will survey members regarding date/time/place preferences for book discussions for Nature’s Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard (Douglas Tallamy) and Remarkably Bright Creatures (Shelby Van Pelt).

Nominations (Barb Blanco) There is no nominee for Nu Chapter President 2024-26. Form for reporting 2024-26 Chapter Officers is due March 30.

Unfinished Business None

New Business None

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Christine Berto, Secretary pro tem
Carol Sleeth, First Vice-President

2023-2024 Yearbook Updates

page 3 Executive Assistant and page 4 Editor
Dr. Kammie Richter

New email: [REDACTED]

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

Chris Berto - [REDACTED]

Saturday, April 6, 2024 **Coordinating Council Meeting**

Let's join our DKG sisters on Saturday, April 6 at Sunset Hills Eatery in Pekin. Registration is at 9:30 followed by a plated brunch at 10:00. The program will begin at 10:45 and the business meeting at 11:30. The subject of the program will be announced soon.

The meal will cost \$20 which includes the taxes and tip. If you can attend the meeting, please RSVP by March 29 to Mary Jane Sterling and send your check (made out to Nu chapter) to her.

We can organize carpools, but if you intend to drive, here are the directions. Drive to Pekin, turn left on Court Street and drive to Valle Vista. Go south on Valle Vista to the stop sign on Summit. Take a left on Summit until you see the sign for Sunset Hills Eatery and then take a right into the parking lot. For Google maps or GPS, the address is 1620 Summit Drive, Pekin 61554.

Watch for an email with the menu and program!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, May 4, 2024



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

PPL Lakeview Branch, Lakeview Room, 1137 W. Lake Avenue, Peoria

Program: *Together Again: Recycling and Composting*, by Mary Jane Sterling

Purposes: 1, 6, 7

Music: *Old MacDonald Had A Farm*

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

Activities/Reports: Membership; Communication and Marketing; Finance; Treasurer; Nominations; President; Professional Advancement and Outreach; Educational Excellence

Hostess: Educational Excellence - Program Committee

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Side by Side at Connie Voss's home

9:30 a.m. [REDACTED]

Side by Side Come one Come all.....



WANTED: Hostess for Side by Side in the month of May.

REWARD: Good times with your Nu sisters

No need to clean your house. No need to cook. Just welcome a group of us to visit and work on our favorite craft or needlework project. Saturday mornings seem to be a popular time, but you can choose the day and time that work best for you.

Please let Kathy Johnson ([REDACTED]) know if you'd like to be the May hostess.

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

READ....READ...READ

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

