



Nu's Notes



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President's Message

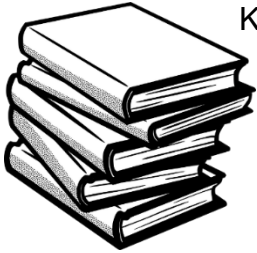
Well, here we are, enjoying the last few weeks of spring moving quickly into summer! The Nu chapter plant exchange was a huge success. We all walked home with new flowers for our gardens. It is a sure sign in my yard that everything is in bloom when my Hummingbirds come back to feed. They are so fun to watch as they flit and fly around, always on the move. They are also very protective of their feeding spot. Hummers are also very territorial, always wanting to keep other Hummers away from their spot. It makes me pause and ask, how are DKG Nu Chapter women like the Hummers in my backyard? We all enjoy are "feeding spots," and enjoy taking in the nourishments our body needs. We stay very busy flitting and flying around to meet people, learn new things, and go places. How DKG Nu chapter gals are not like my Hummers.... We like to share the benefits of our chapter to everyone we meet, sharing our knowledge, giving our time, and sharing our resources to make the teaching field a welcome and encompassing environment for all.

Looking forward to our next year together, let us pause and think about how we can grow our chapter together. Can we think out of the box for new speakers to delight us? Can we invite a friend to a meeting? Can we have meetings in new and charming venues? Where might Nu chapter serve the Peoria community the best? If you have any ideas that you would like to share, please email me at [REDACTED].

Let's make this 2021-2022 a year of renewal: friendships, gatherings, conversation, and service.

With blooming in mind, Barb

READ...READ...READ



Keep track of minutes you have been reading since March. We will let you know how Shirley will collect them. Need more to read?



Condolences

- To the family of Helen Jenkins due to her death on April 19.

Membership Committee



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

Yearbook Updates

p. 12 Kalbacken – change apartment to 233; all other information remains the same

p. 12 Minuzzo – new email teta2022@aol.com

pp. 3 and 5 Cathy Curtis – new address
6010 N. Briarwood Lane, Peoria, 61614-4235

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

Need Cards

The corresponding Secretary noticed we are getting low on Sympathy Cards. I know some of us receive the free greeting cards from Non-Profit Agencies (looking for donations!).

If you've gotten some and aren't going to send the Sympathy cards personally, would you save them for DKG? We hope to be meeting in person sometime relatively soon and you could bring them to that meeting. Or if you would let Kathy Johnson know, she could come pick them up from you. Thanks so very much.

Creative Arts Retreat

The Virtual CAR will start on Monday, June 21 with an opening session followed by a

Zentangle lesson. A Presenter Form is available on the state website for anyone wishing to present at the CAR. Additional sessions will be presented June 22, 23, 24 with closing sessions on Friday June 25. Please stay tuned as the schedule will be finalized after the May 15th deadline for Presenter Forms!



One of our fun sessions will be presented by WIA Committee member, Carol Hoffman. This "Magic Book" will be a Kit Session and requires participants to order the \$7 (includes all materials plus shipping) kit ahead of time if you wish to have all of the materials on hand to create this special book.

International Project

Watch for news. Creative Shirley has wonderful ideas for fundraising this year.

Dues 2021

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. Reserve members' dues are \$61. Taking the relief would mean a total of \$41 for them.



Here the "new" part – members can pay their dues at the June meeting or by sending a check to Cathy Curtis at her new address: 6010 Briarwood Lane, 61614 after June 1.

Check the website for scholarship deadlines

The deadline for applications for stipends from the Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies, Inc. has been changed to May 1, 2022, and **November 1, 2021**. Guidelines, rubric, and the application form can be found under Foundation on the state website: www.deltakappagamma.org/IL/



Past Meeting Minutes

NU Chapter (#13) General Membership Meeting, April 6, 2021

Approved at the May 5, 2021 General Business Meeting

Call to Order President Barb Blanco called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. via Zoom. A quorum was present with eight members in attendance. Four guests also attended.

Minutes The minutes of the February 2, 2021 meeting were approved as printed and distributed.

Treasurer's Report (Cathy Curtis) The following report was presented and will be filed for financial review: Checking Account Balance January 25, 2021 \$194.35; Income \$400.00 (\$100.00 Malawi Well donation, \$300.00 transfer from Money Market Account); Disbursements \$472.00 (\$22.00 Kathy Johnson - stamps Altruistic, \$450.00 Marion Medical Mission - 6th well); Checking Account Balance April 6, 2021 \$122.35; CEFCU Savings Account Balance (Extraordinary Dividend \$5.71) \$29.66; CEFCU Money Market account (transfer \$300.00 to checking) \$7,447.51; Total Balance April 6, 2021 \$7,599.52.

Communications and Marketing (Kathy Johnson) Kathy Johnson sent a birthday card to Barb Blanco. *Nu's Notes* deadline is May 15 for the May edition distributed in June. Nu's website has gotten many hits due to the listing of Zoom meetings. Yearbook updates were published in the March newsletter. Women's Civic Federation has not met because of Covid 19 but plans to resume meeting in the fall. Barb Blanco will check if \$15 dues for 2020-2021 (paid in spring 2020) will carry over, since no meetings were held.

Finance (Mary Jane Sterling) Mary Jane Sterling reviewed a summary of the projected receipts and disbursements in the proposed 2021-2022 Nu Chapter Budget. The budget will be presented and voted upon at the May meeting.

Membership (Barb Blanco) None.

Nominations (Connie Voss) None.

Rules (Chris Berto) None.

Educational Excellence (Connie Voss) The General Membership Meeting May 5th program is a Peoria Reads! Book Discussion on THE LIBRARY BOOK by Susan Orlean. Connie will check with Roberta Koscielski regarding whether the May 5th program will be in person or via Zoom. Registration/sign-in is 2:00 pm. The May Perennial Plant Exchange date will be

set at the Executive Board meeting. It has not been determined if the June 5th Evaluation/Planning meeting will be in person or via Zoom. Connie Voss will inform members when a decision is reached.

Professional Advancement and Outreach

(Carol Sleeth) International Projects - Nu chapter donated \$450 to Marion Medical Mission for its 6th Malawi well. Women in the Arts - Cindy Baldwin's sea-themed ornaments will be included in the Chapter Bazaar auction. The Recipe Book by Mary Jane Sterling and LaVonne Chaney is available electronically and in print with 25% of the proceeds going to ILSO funds and the remaining proceeds split between the two chapters. State President Bev Johns reported 357 had registered for state convention and encouraged members to register and attend the workshops, programs, meetings, recognition/award presentations, and the Celebration of Life via Zoom or phone.

Coordinating Council (Connie Voss) The Coordinating Council Joint Meeting will be April 17th at the Pekin Country Club. Barb Blanco has completed the centerpieces.

Unfinished Business None.

New Business None.

Announcements The next scheduled Executive Board meeting is April 26th at 4:00 p.m.

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

Program Executive Director Roberta English and Animal Keeper Adrienne Bauer presented "What's New at Wildlife Prairie Park" during which eight Nu Chapter members and eight guests learned of the history, membership, educational programs, animals, new programs, upcoming events, and lodging opportunities at this "Jewel of the Midwest."

Mary Taylor, Secretary
Barb Blanco, President

NU Chapter (#13) General Membership Meeting, May 5, 2021

**To Be Approved at the June 5, 2021
General Business Meeting**

Program Nu Chapter member Roberta Koscielski, Peoria Public Library Deputy Director, led the book discussion of Peoria Reads The Library Book by Susan Orlean. Ten members attended the Zoom discussion.

Call to Order President Barb Blanco called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom. A quorum was present with nine members in attendance. She recognized Mary Jane Sterling and Chris Berto for their involvement in the Virtual 2021 ILSO Convention.

Minutes The minutes of the April 6, 2021 meeting were approved as printed and distributed.

Treasurer's Report (Cathy Curtis) The following report was presented and will be filed for financial review: Checking Account Balance April 26, 2021 \$348.02; Income \$268.00 (\$268.00 Dues); Disbursements \$42.33 (\$25.00 Coordinating Council Dues, \$17.33 April *Nu's Notes*-Dorothy Dean); Checking Account Balance May 5, 2021 \$348.02; CEFCU Savings Account Balance \$29.66; CEFCU Money Market account \$7,447.51; Total Balance May 5, 2021 \$7,825.19.

Communications and Marketing (Kathy Johnson) Kathy Johnson sent birthday greetings to Roberta Koscielski in April and will send her a thinking of you card. She will send May birthday greetings to Karen Ball, Dorothy Dean, Karin Johnson and Sandy White. *Nu's Notes* deadline is May 15 for the May edition distributed in June. Mary Jane Sterling will continue to post ISLO Zoom links on Nu's website as requested. Women's Civic Federation dues for 2020-21 were paid April 30, 2020. Civic Federation did not meet in

2020-21 due to Covid and has not scheduled programs/location for 2021-2022. Nu Chapter will not pay dues for 2021-2022 at this time. Yearbook updates will appear in *Nu's Notes*.

Finance (Mary Jane Sterling) Mary Jane Sterling reviewed a summary of the projected receipts and disbursements for 2021-2022 and moved to adopt the proposed 2021-2022 Nu Chapter budget; motion passed. Dues are due to Cathy Curtis by June 30th - Active dues (\$96.00)/Reserve dues (\$61.00) with all members eligible to take a \$20.00 dues discount. Mary Jane Sterling reported that \$100 in proceeds from the ILSO Chapter Bazaar Auction will be distributed as follows: \$25.00 ILSO Women in the Arts Fund; \$28.00 Nu Chapter's Marion Medical Mission (Malawi Well) Fund; and \$47.00 Nu Chapter. Nu Chapter's share of cookbook profits will be deposited in Nu Chapter account when cookbook sales are over.

Membership (Barb Blanco) Certificates from ILSO for membership milestones years will be delivered to Jeanette Kosier (40), Mary Krull (50), and Deanna LaRue (55).

Nominations (Connie Voss) None

Rules (Chris Berto) Chris Berto asked that members review chapter rules and submit recommendations for amendments.

Educational Excellence (Connie Voss) The June 5th meeting and program "Evaluation and Planning Discussion" will take place at Charter Oak Park with Barb Blanco's home as an alternate location. Members planning to attend should RSVP. The September 22nd meeting at the PPS Administration Building will feature Dr. Susan Grzanich.

Coordinating Council (Connie Voss) Connie Voss reported that nineteen persons (none from Nu) attended the Coordinating Council Joint meeting that received many positive evaluations. Those in attendance voted to maintain a minimum balance of \$500.00 in the Coordinating Council account and approved

the rotation of officers. Several suggestions for the 2022 program for which Nu Chapter is responsible have been received.

Professional Advancement and Outreach (Carol Sleeth) Carol Sleeth reported Nu's plant exchange will occur May 10 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at her home and made members aware of a Succulent Sale June 7-8th at 5524 Renwood. The virtual Creative Arts Retreat will be held June 21-25, 2021. There is no registration fee, and the registration form will be posted on the ILSO website.

Unfinished Business None

New Business None

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Mary Taylor, Secretary
Barb Blanco, President

New Plants for Nu Members

On Monday, May 10 several Nu chapter members brought their "excess" perennial plants to Carol Sleeth's house to exchange with other members. Available were day lilies, Siberian iris, sweet peas, hostas, obedient plant, cone flowers, bee balm, chives, goldenrod, lily of the valley and oak trees from acorns found at Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield. Non-perennial vegetables (zucchini, squash and cucumbers) were also shared.



If you couldn't come to the exchange but would like some of these plants, just ask the members who attended and they would be willing to donate their plants to you.

Presentation by Tom Logan, Marion Medical Mission

By Mary Jane Sterling

On the last evening of our ILSO Convention, Tom Logan did a wonderful session on the Marion Medical Mission. Tom

was the son of a pastor in Decatur, Illinois. When he was 18 years old, he visited Africa for the first time.



Years later, when he found out that a particular charity organization was charging 40% overhead on the funds they were raising for Africa, he decided to create the Marion Medical Mission – where ALL the donated funds go to the people in need.



This is the picture sent to us following our donation for the fifth well. We have, since then, donated funds for a sixth well and are now



working on our seventh!!! Yea, team!

Directory Information

During May and June, we shall be verifying your directory information and next of kin. Should a change occur after we have checked with you, please let me know so that the contact information in the 2021-22 Yearbook and on file with International is correct. Thanks!

Chris Berto, 309-688-4282 call/text;
cab3908@gmail.com

UPDATE REGARDING THE SALE OF OUR SOCIETY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

From Becky Sadowski
DKG International President

The Austin City Council met on Thursday, May 20, to consider the rezoning request needed to move forward with the sale of the Society Headquarters building. I am pleased to report that the rezoning request was approved. With this approval and the previously approved demolition permit, the DKG property now has the potential to support plans for a successful redevelopment project.

DKG has now entered the closing period of the contract with the current buyer. We will continue to keep you updated as we approach the end of this period and enter into the last steps of the sale.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Nu Chapter Meetings

Here are 2020-2021 meeting dates.
Watch your email and/or the chapter web site
for details.

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Location: Peoria Public Schools
Administration Building (DLC #2).
3202 N. Wisconsin Avenue

Registration: 4:30 p.m.

Program: 4:45 p.m.: *Innovations in Peoria
Public Schools*, Dr. Susan Grzanich, Grants
and Innovations Officer

Meeting: 5:15 p.m.

Thursday, October 14, 2021

Location: Central IL Agency on Aging
700 Hamilton Blvd., Peoria

Registration: 3:15 p.m.

Program: 3:30 p.m. *What is the Agency on
Aging?* Anita Brown, CIA Director of Internal
Operations

Meeting: 4:00 p.m.