



# Nu's Notes



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

### Welcome to a Nu year in DKG!

ILSO's theme this biennium is *New Day, New Opportunities* – or as we call it Nu Day, Nu Opportunities.

Connie Voss and the program committee have created a whole year of Nu opportunities. They've chosen a variety of great programs and scheduled them on different days of the week and at different times. We hope to see everyone at the meetings!

**Thank you** to Connie, Cam, Mary Jane, Roberta and Julie for your excellent work in planning our programs and activities for the year

--to Chris Berto for preparing our yearbook which lists all the Nu programs, activities, names, addresses, rules, etc.

--to Roberta Koscielski for organizing our first outreach activity of the year--delivering library card application forms to the local schools

--to the Nu members who delivered the forms to the schools

Our goals for the biennium are to have at least 50% of our members at each meeting and to have at least 50% of our members participating in our volunteer activities. Last year we averaged 12.4 members at the meetings (12.5 is 50%) and 12 members who volunteered in our outreach activities. Let's try just a little harder to reach our goals this year. Enjoy each Nu day and each Nu opportunity! – Cathy



## Media Permission

What do you have in common with Tom Selleck, Catherine Deneuve and the Bradley Braves? You all need to give permission to have your name and photo included in a publication endorsing an organization or idea.

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If you don't receive emails, please call Cathy Curtis [REDACTED] and she'll arrange to get the permission form to you.

## 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.

## Serving Our Sisters Through Connections and Interactions

Yes, the State Communications and Marketing Committee is focusing on connecting with all State members. They will be providing at least 4 Zooms per month, featuring:

- Virtual visits to countries and museums
- Chats, podcasts, videos, blogs
- Book discussions, author interviews
- Teachers sharing ideas or projects
- Artsy stuff (Zentangle)

Watch for the Zoom schedule and announcements. You are forwarded the "What's Happening?" every week, and you can also find the listing on Facebook and YouTube.

## Malawi Well #8

How do you celebrate your birthday? We have a member who decided, for her 86th birthday, that:

"My birthday present to me is a Malawi (Marion Medical Mission) Well!"

This is Nu Chapter's 8th well. The sixth and seventh were given earlier this year (and one of them from an anonymous donor). We are so pleased and honored to be able to provide

people with good, clean water.



Thank you, Sandy White, and happy, happy birthday to you!!!

## Past Meeting Minutes

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

**Approved at the September 7, 2023  
General Business Meeting**

**Program** Mary Jane Sterling, Nu Chapter, presented *Math in the Movies and on TV*.

**Call to Order** President Cathy Curtis called the meeting to order at 11:00a.m. at PPL North Branch followed by the recitation of *A Collect for Teachers*. A quorum was present with 11 members in attendance. Holly Weber and Maureen Vadis attended as guests.

**Minutes** The minutes of the March 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 March 6, 2023 \$394.13; Income \$1,352.00 (\$500.00 MMM Well Project Donation, \$50.00 MMM Well Project Donation, \$30.00 Donation, \$90.00 Coordinating Council Luncheons, \$500.00 transferred from Money Market); Disbursements \$1,579.76 (\$15.00 Women's Civic Federation Dues, \$900.00 Marion Medical Mission, \$29.86 *Nu's Notes*, \$105.00 Coordinating Council Luncheons, \$25.00 Coordinating Council Dues, \$294.90 President's Convention expenses, \*\$210.00 Chapter Grant); Checking Account Balance May 6, 2023 \$166.37; CEFCU Savings Account Balance March 6, 2023 \$40.55; Dividends \$0.04; Savings Account Balance May 6, 2023 \$40.59; CEFCU Money Market Balance March 6, 2023 \$8,184.42; Dividends \$7.97; Moved to Checking \$500.00; CEFCU Money Market Balance May 6, 2023 \$7,692.39; Total Balance May 6, 2023 \$7,899.35.

**Addendum:** \*\$210 check was voided and reissued in the amount of \$200. Although \$210 was budgeted for Chapter Grant, only \$200

was requested. Upon reissue, \$10.00 was added to Checking Account and will be reflected in the next treasurer's report.

**Membership** (Carol Sleeth) Carol Sleeth recognized the following: Helen Dunn (65), Chris Berto (50), Sandy White (50), and Cynthia Baldwin (40) - DKG milestone years of membership; Roberta Koscielski - nominee for Women to Women Education Award; Mary Jane Sterling - elected ILSO First Vice-President for 2023-2025. Carol presented roses to Mary Jane, Roberta, and Chris who were in attendance.

**Educational Excellence** (Connie Voss) The June 3<sup>rd</sup> program will be *Peoria History Bus Tour II* led by Cathy Curtis and Tom Menger.

**Communications and Marketing** (Kathy Johnson) Kathy Johnson continues to send birthday cards and will send a card to Cynthia Baldwin who will undergo eye surgery. Dorothy Dean encouraged members to submit articles throughout the summer for the October issue of *Nu's Notes*. Yearbook updates were printed on the agenda and in May *Nu's Notes*. Cam Ratcliff reported two Women's Civic Federation programs: a presentation by Colton Sanders on Forest Park Nature Center (Illinois River Ecology) and a presentation by Delores Sheen on Alzheimer's that included *Ten Absolutes of Alzheimer's Caregiving* and *Ten Signs of Alzheimer's*.

**Professional Advancement and Outreach** (Roberta Koscielski) Roberta Koscielski introduced Maureen Vadis, recipient of the \$200 Nu Chapter Grant. The grant provided funds to purchase books to build personal libraries for children and supportive materials for the Leprechaun Academy at Notre Dame. Purchased books (with DKG Nu Chapter face plates) included *Green Eggs and Ham*, *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* (read to the children by Cathy Curtis) and *The Rainbow Fish* (read to the children by Carol Sleeth).

**Finance** (Jeanette Kosier) Jeanette Kosier moved to approve the 2023-24 Nu Chapter budget as presented with the caveats: (1)

There may be an addition to the Chapter Grant amount, depending on the number of programs presented by members (\$5/program) (2) There may be an increase in the Civic Federation dues. Changes to the budget will be made before it is submitted to the State Finance Committee. Motion passed.

**Rules** (Chris Berto) Chris Berto moved to approve en masse the amendments to Nu Chapter Rules as published in March 2023 *Nu's Notes*. Motion passed.

### 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 paid by the member to the Treasurer.**

**S. Returned Society jewelry may be made available to members.**

### IV Officers and Committees

- 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; **provide hostesses with attendance/reservation list, nametags (as needed) and meal/refreshment fee instructions (when applicable); share member attendance with Recording Secretary, Membership Chair, and**

### Corresponding Secretary

**(g)-provide member contact person(s) with meeting information; compile attendance/reservation list for meeting**

**(i) inform Treasurer of unpaid reservations.**

d) The Recording Secretary shall:  
Strike (10) ~~maintain a current scrapbook of activities/members' accomplishments.~~  
Renumber (11) to (10)

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.~~

f) The Treasurer

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

**(12) establish resale price for returned Society jewelry.**

g) The Parliamentarian shall:

(3) serve as an ex officio member, **with** vote, on the Rules Committee.

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).

### 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.

#### VI. Executive Board

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.

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.

**Strike all of Article IX Member Responsibilities from Chapter Rules**

**Strike all of Article X. Society Jewelry from Chapter Rules**

*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.***

**Coordinating Council** Cathy Curtis) April 6, 2024 is the tentative date for the Peoria Area Coordinating Council Joint Meeting.

**Convention** (Cathy Curtis) Cathy Curtis reported on convention highlights including

certificates received for two wells (Marion Medical Mission Well Project), the tri-fold display created by Sarah Couri that showcased *Make Art Your Superpower* and *Make the Arts Your Superpower Through Storytelling*, and the election/installation of Mary Jane Sterling.

**New Business** None

**Announcements** Julie Frank will perform with the Morton Civic Chorus in Encore 2023 (May 25-28).

**Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Christine Berto, Secretary pro tem  
Cathy Curtis, President

## Nu Chapter June Program June 3, 2023

**Program** Cathy Curtis, Nu, conducted a bus tour entitled *Peoria History Tour II*. Nine members attended. Carol Sleeth presented Helen Dunn with a certificate for 65 years of DKG membership. and a rose.

There was no business meeting.

Mary Taylor, Secretary  
Cathy Curtis, President



## Past Meeting Minutes

# NU Chapter (#13) General Membership Meeting, September 7, 2023

### To Be Approved at the October 5, 2023 General Business Meeting

**Program** Roberta English (CEO), Winter Katterhenry (Education Manager/Animal Keeper), and Ollie (Barred Owl)

presented a program on Wildlife Prairie where “an adventure awaits.”

Information shared included updates on new construction, renovations, recreation

projects, educational programs, conservation, animals, and activities.



**Call to Order** President Cathy Curtis called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. at PPL North Branch followed by the reading of the Collect. A quorum was present with nine members in attendance.

**Minutes** Minutes of the May 6, 2023 meeting were approved as distributed.

**Treasurer's Report** (Mary Jane Sterling) The following report was presented and will be filed for financial review: Checking Account Balance June 6, 2023 \$993.61; Income \$1,856.00 (\$1,856.00 Dues); Disbursements \$2,210.50 (\$450.00 Marion Medical Mission, \$575.00 State Dues, \$1,000.00 International dues, \$85.50 Convention/Leadership Development Workshop/Scholarship/Newscaster Fees,

\$30.00 Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies, \$25.00 ILSO Scholarship Fund, \$10.00 Golden Gift Fund, \$20.00 Emergency Fund, Educational Projects \$15.00); Checking Account Balance September 7, 2023 \$639.11; CEFCU Savings Balance June 6, 2023 \$40.60 Dividends \$0.02 Savings Balance September 7, 2023 \$40.62; CEFCU Money Market Account Balance June 6, 2023 \$7,698.23, Dividends \$5.85, \$7.31, Withdrawal \$5,000.00, Money Market Account Balance September 7, 2023 \$2,711.39; Certificate of Deposit \$5,000.00 September 7, 2023; Total Balance September 7, 2023 \$8,391.12.

**Educational Excellence** (Connie Voss) The following 2023-2024 programs have been planned:

October 5, PPS Administration Building, *Peoria Public Schools Updates*, replacement for presenter Dr. Kherat to be announced

November 6, Proctor Place, *Alzheimer's Disease Today*, David Meyers, Volunteer, Alzheimer's Association

December 6, Notre Dame Library, *Crafts & Cookie Sale*, Nu Members

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January 18, Peoria Regional Learning Center, *Tour of Peoria Regional Learning Center*, Teresa VonRohr, Principal

February 3, Proctor Place, *Potluck and Share a Favorite Book*, Nu Members

March 6, PP Lakeview Branch, *Growing Native Plants*, Paul Resnick, Master Naturalist

May 4, PPL Lakeview Branch, *Recycling and Composting*, Mary Jane Sterling, Nu Member

June 5 *Field Trip to Wheels of Time Museum*

September 4, PPL North Branch, *Good News from Jolt Foundation*, Chris Schaffner, Program and Director of Jolt Foundation

October 1, Neighborhood House, *Overview of Neighborhood House*, Julie Bonar, President and CEO

Donations will include books or money for Peoria Public Library, supplies and Cookie Sale proceeds for Peoria Regional Learning Center, and supplies for Neighborhood House.

Julie Frank led the singing of *What a Wonderful World*.

### **Communications and Marketing**

(Yearbook/Chris Berto) Coordinating Council information is needed. Nu Chapter programs and members' names/email addresses will be shared with Alpha Lambda and Beta Zeta rather than the entire yearbook. Kathy Johnson, Mary Jane Sterling, and Connie Voss have volunteered to host Side By Side. (Website/Mary Jane Sterling) Members should complete Media Permission Form. Members may request to receive the *Newscaster* electronically.

### **Professional Advancement and Outreach**

(Roberta Koscielski) Applications for Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies, Inc. are due November 1. Female educators may apply for the \$165.00 Nu Chapter Grant. Library Card Sign Up materials and assignments were distributed. Several members were interested in preparing a meal at Family House. Goals for 2023-2024 include 50% meeting attendance and 50% project participation.

**Nominations** Slate for Nominations Committee is presented and voted upon in October. Slate of officers is presented in October and voted upon in November.

**Unfinished Business** None

**New Business** Cathy Curtis shared ISLO President Linda Adcock's theme *New Day, New Opportunities* and Linda's challenges to reconnect, build relationships, explore state/international websites, support working educators, invite at least 2 prospective members to a program, share a meal together, and do a project together. Members were invited to talk and share with ISLO President Linda Adcock and First Vice-President Mary Jane Sterling via Zoom Sept 10 at 8:00 p.m. Additional opportunities to share will occur

during Lunch with Linda on the second Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. with the Zoom invitation to be shared with members by the chapter president.

**Announcements** *Nu's Notes* deadline is September 18.

**Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 7:42p.m.

Christine Berto, Secretary pro tem  
Cathy Curtis, President

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Monday,**  
**November 6, 2023**



1:00 p.m. Sign in; 1:15 p.m. Program;  
2:00 p.m. Meeting

**Proctor Place, Multipurpose Room**  
2724 W. Reservoir Blvd., Peoria

**Program:** *Together Again: Alzheimer's Disease Today* by David Meyers, Volunteer, Alzheimer's Association

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

**Wednesday,**  
**December 6, 2023**

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

**Notre Dame Library, 5105 N. Sheridan Rd., Peoria**

**Program:** *Together Again for Crafting Centerpieces*, Nu Members

Cookie Sale: Proceeds for Peoria Regional Learning Center

## 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.



## 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.