



Nu's Notes



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Thoughts from Karen



Happy autumn!

As the weather gets cooler and trees change their colors, so too, is Nu Chapter changing its way of communicating. Covid-19 is our challenge for the upcoming year. To meet the challenge Nu Chapter has incorporated technology, ZOOM, so that all members can gather in a distance learning way. ZOOM is planned for the upcoming presentations and meetings that the Program Committee has scheduled. ZOOM is also being used by other DKG Chapters and Illinois State Organization. The links to other DKG chapter presentations, both in Illinois and other states, can be found on the Nu Chapter website, nuchapterdkg.weebly.com.

As the year progresses, the Program Committee will be monitoring the Covid-19 situation and with the safety of all members in mind, make decisions on "face to face" activities.

There have been some activities scheduled "face to face". These meetings have been scheduled at Endres Park in Peoria Heights. The park allows the attendees to be able to social distance while conducting business or just enjoying each other's company. So far the Financial Committee and "Side by Side" has met at the park.

Several of our members have attended IL State organization conferences and meetings via ZOOM. These state meetings have been very well attended and very informative.

Three of our members have reached milestone anniversaries, Jeanette Kosier, 40 years; Dee LaRue, 55 years; and Demetra Polites, 65 years. Congratulations!

Roberta Koscelski was named the 2020 Librarian of the Year by the Illinois Library Association. Congratulations, Roberta on providing outstanding programs for the Peoria area.

The theme for the next biennium is "Making Nu Pathways". The new pathways include new ways to interact and make connections with our community, educational institutions, members and colleagues, and ourselves. I foresee our chapter forging new ways to meet our goals during this very unusual time.

Karen

Membership Committee



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

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



Enjoy a relaxing afternoon or early evening with your Nu Chapter sisters!!

Bring lunch or munchies and a drink for yourself.

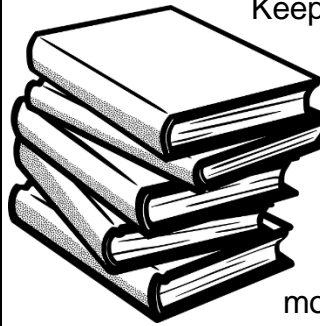
Bring a project or two OR JUST bring yourself.

We will be gathering around a large picnic table under a secure pavilion at ENDRES Park in Peoria Heights: 229 E. Glen Ave.

Turn onto N. Ogden Ave off of E. Glen, turn left onto Rosalind Ave, wind around as the road turns into N. Willard Rd., park and parking lot will be on your left!

OCTOBER 22 (Thursday) at 3:30 p.m.

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?

DKG DISCUSSION BOOKS...See website for more info

THE HATE YOU GIVE by Angie Thomas
Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly
Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover
Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland

International Project



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

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

Member Recognition

Congratulations!

Congratulations to these long-standing Delta Kappa Gamma members! We recognize and admire your leadership and dedication to our society and chapter!



- Jeanette Kosier: 40 years
- Dee LaRue: 55 years
- Demetra Polites: 65 years

RECOGNITION 2020

By Mary Jane Sterling



It was Dee LaRue who sponsored me in DKG. We worked together at Bradley, and she started talking about this great organization she belonged to and how she would like me to become involved. It worked!

Demetra was always cruising our meetings and activities, taking pictures to document what we were doing.



Jeanette was the hostess-with-the mostest at our Christmas luncheons held at Jamieson School.

Dee has continued to be a good friend – sharing a book club and sharing our devotion to special needs adults.



I see Demetra at Liberty Village and she always says how much she misses everyone at DKG.



Jeanette has been sharing her photography talents: documenting our Cultural Tales presentations and providing the pictures for the Sculpture Walk cards.

Wonderful ladies.

Congratulations!

- In July 2020, Robert Koscielski was named the 2020 Librarian of the Year by the Illinois Library Association.



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.

Making Nu Pathways

Making Nu Pathways is designed to communicate chapter happening/events/notices.

Meeting information, agenda, minutes, treasurer's reports, notices, etc., will be emailed by Karen Ball or Connie Voss. Connie will call those who do not have email.

Members are asked to respond to emails or calls when requested.

Karen Ball [Redacted]

Connie Voss [Redacted]

Donations

Donations at meetings are not listed in the yearbook due to complication of collecting donations without in-person meetings and safely distributing donations. Discussion with the membership to determine what and when donations will be collected and distributed will occur during the year during committee and general meetings. Members are asked to consider types of appropriate donations.

Time for fun--Art Mart Silent Auction Has Started

Let's support the M. Josephine O'Neil Arts Award

By Bev Johns,
<pres.lambda.ilstate@gmail.com>

Since we couldn't have our Women in the Arts Art Mart at the Executive Board as we planned, in its place we are having an exciting online auction as the Art Mart.

Watch the Facebook page for items up for bid.

You just have to type your bid in the comment section on the Facebook page: **DKG-ILSOWIACAR**.

The next person will increase the bid and so on until the time expires. The last bid wins (AT MIDNIGHT!) Then the WINNER sends a check made out to DKGILSO Women in the Arts and sends it to Mary Stayner. Remember this is supporting the M. Josephine O'Neil Arts Award, in place of the Art Mart, so please be generous. Stay tuned as the next item will appear immediately following the close of the prior item.

Beautiful items that will be auctioned through the end of October so what fun this is going to be and what a wonderful cause.

Facebook 101

Are you interested in Facebook? Have you been reluctant, because you don't really know how to get started? Here are some simple instructions created by our State President Bev Johns.

1. Go to www.facebook.com
2. You will see a screen--Create an Account.
3. Complete that. You will be required to give your email address.
4. Fill in only the information required; you don't need to give other information.
5. You can upload a profile picture if you like, but this is optional.
6. Decide what you wish to do for your privacy settings.
7. There will be a section that says: Find people you know--simply click on DKG--Illinois key women educators and anyone else you might want to be friends with like Debbie LeBlanc or Bev Johns.

Check the website for scholarship deadlines.....usually in January.



The deadline for applications for stipends from the Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies, Inc. has been changed from May 1, 2020, to April 1, 2020. Guidelines, rubric, and the application form can be found under Foundation on the state website:

www.deltakappagamma.org/IL/

Yearbook Updates

If you know of yearbook updates, please send to Chris Berto [REDACTED] or call/text [REDACTED].

Zoom Sessions

Did you know that our Nu Chapter Website has been dedicated to posting all the wonderful Zoom sessions being offered by our State organization? And now we're also posting the Zoom sessions being produced by the Tennessee DKG organization!

What's coming up? Some of the sessions you'll find are on: The Healing Art of Zentangle, Powerful PowerPoint Presentations, Behavior Modification, "Why We Believe Fake News", Facebook for 'Fraidy Cats, "What's Happening to Our TRS Pensions?", Book discussion on The Dutch ouHHouse, The Snowball Effect of the Corona Virus, "Don't Be a Victim", and Motivational Stress Relief.

Check on these presentations and others at: www.nuchapterdkg.weebly.com. The descriptions and links are available there! Here's a sample to get you started:

Listed below are the Legislative Seminars and topics.

Zoom meeting (address, password, etc.) Can be found on Nu Chapter website, scroll down to Zoom Meetings at bottom left.

October 17 Legislative Seminar Zoom Meeting 1:00-2:00 p.m.

"Why We Believe Fake News and Other Things" – Have you ever wondered why people embrace fake news, false advertising and hold on to it? What can educators do to respond to the statement, "But I saw it on the internet!" This session addresses these issues and offers responses you need to hear. By Patricia Kubistal, Kappa Chapter President and ISO Finance Committee (PD's available but must notify in advance and provide an IEIN number.)

October 20 Legislative Seminar Zoom Meeting 7:00-8:00 p.m.

"What's Happening to Our TRS Pensions?" – Financially, Covid-19 Impact, Legislation

and Health Insurance by TRS Director of Outreach, Rich Frankenfeld

October 22 Legislative Seminar Zoom Meeting 7:00-8:00 p.m.

"Why do Educators Have One of the Most Powerful Positions on Earth, Especially in These Days and Times" – Among other topics, this presentation will explore current legislative issues impacting education by 96th District State Representative Sue Scherer (PD's available but must notify in advance and provide an IEIN number.)

October 24 Legislative Seminar Zoom Meeting 9:00-10:00 a.m.

"The Snowball Effect of the Coronavirus on the Mental Health of Children, their Families, and their Educators" – discussion on Resulting Anxiety, Trauma, and Depression; Problems and Strategies by Bev Johns, DKG, Illinois State Organization President (PD's available but must notify in advance and provide an IEIN number.)

October 27 Legislative Seminar Zoom Meeting 7:00-8:00 p.m.

"Don't Be a Victim" This presentation will provide important information to help keep you and your family safe, explaining how people can protect yourselves against identity theft and how to avoid falling victim to common scams. She will explain how to recognize, avoid, and escape abusive behaviors and how to protect yourselves and your property from residential burglary. by Aimee Shinall, Peoria County Sheriff's Victims Services Coordinator (PD's available but must notify in advance and provide an IEIN number.)



Condolences

- To Mary Taylor and family due to the death of her mother on August 29, 2020.

Our New Nu Program Year!

This year you have the opportunity to stay in the comfort of your home, as we Zoom through our program year! Thank you to our own Mary Jane Sterling for doing a Zoom how-to for our first program for the year!! Along with 15 members in attendance, we also had at least 13 guests. If you have Zoom tech questions, contact Mary Jane Sterling, [REDACTED]

Looking ahead, there will be a Christmas craft session (no meeting) on Wednesday, December 2, at 3 p.m. via Zoom. Mary Jane Sterling will lead and suggests you save tissue boxes for the project. See your yearbook for complete list of programs, or check our website at <http://nuchapterdkg.weebly.com>.

Spring Book Talk



Monday, March 8 at 5:00 PM
via ZOOM; Hosted by Barb
Blanco

Something Worth Doing

By Jane Kirkpatrick

In 1853, Abigail Scott was a 19-year-old school teacher in Oregon Territory when she married Ben Duniway. Marriage meant giving up on teaching, but Abigail always believed she was meant to be more than a good wife and mother. When financial mistakes and an injury force Ben to stop working, Abigail becomes the primary breadwinner for her growing family. What she sees as a working woman appalls her, and she devotes her life to fighting for the rights of women, including their right to vote.

Following Abigail as she bears six children, runs a millinery and a private school, helps on the farm, writes novels, gives speeches, and eventually runs a newspaper supporting women's suffrage, *Something Worth Doing* explores issues that will resonate strongly with modern women: the pull between career and family, finding one's place in the public sphere, and dealing with frustrations and prejudices

women encounter when they compete in male-dominated spaces. Based on a true story of a pioneer for women's rights from award-winning author Jane Kirkpatrick will inspire you to believe that some things are worth doing--even when the cost is great.

Past Meeting Minutes

NU Chapter (#13) General Membership Meeting, March 2, 2020

Approved at the September 22, 2020
General Business Meeting

Program Tamara Doyle, Executive Director of Family House, shared the philosophy and services offered by Family House and conducted a tour of the facility. Following the tour, members discussed meal preparation, future Side By Side activities, and a Little Free Library at Family House.

Business Meeting President Connie Voss called the meeting at Family House to order at 5:40 p.m. followed by the recitation of *A Collect for Teachers*. Thirteen members attended; a quorum was present.

Minutes The minutes of the December 7, 2019 General Membership meeting were approved as printed.

The February 5, 2020 meeting was canceled due to weather

Treasurer's Report (Cathy Curtis) The following report was presented and will be filed for financial review: Checking Account Balance December 7, 2019 \$140.01; Income \$62.36 (\$20.00 Brunch, \$15.00 Donation for Lincoln School Supplies, \$27.36 Malawi Well Fund); Disbursements \$40.50 (\$9.55 December *Nu's Notes* - Dorothy Dean, \$19.95 Stamps - Mary Taylor, \$11.00 Stamps - Cathy Curtis); Checking Account Balance March 2, 2020 \$161.87; CEFCU Savings \$23.95 (includes \$17.36 extraordinary

dividend); CEFCU Money Market account \$7,431.82 (includes \$8.46 interest); Total Balance March 2, 2020 \$7,617.64.

Communications and Marketing *Nu's Notes* deadline is April 25. Yearbook updates and Women Civic Federation program summaries appear in March *Nu's Notes*.

Finance (Mary Jane Sterling) Mary Jane requested that officers and committee chairs submit budget requests for next year prior to the preparation of the 2020-2021 budget at the April 16 Finance Committee meeting.

Membership (Karen Ball) Karen reported that Lincoln School staff was appreciative of supplies delivered and that she would update members regarding the Lincoln School April activity. Karen circulated a list of committees and encouraged members to indicate their preferences regarding on which 2020-2022 chapter committee(s) they wished to serve.

Rules (Chris Berto) An overview of possible amendments to chapter rules as outlined in March *Nu's Notes* was discussed; proposed amendments will voted upon May 6.

Educational Excellence (Cathy Curtis) Cathy discussed the May 6 meeting at Peoria Public Library North Branch during which Roberta Koscielski will lead a book discussion on Peoria Reads *The Hate U Give* and reminded members about donating used books to Friends of Peoria Public Library.

DKG Events (Connie Voss) Connie encouraged officers, chairs and committee members to attend the April 1 Planning meeting (5 p.m., Hardee's - Willow Knolls). Barb Blanco will represent Nu as official designee at the April 24-26 DKG ILSO Convention. Connie will send in the registration (due April 1) for Nu members attending Training for Chapter Leaders- Leadership Academy June 6 at Bradley University.

Professional Advancement and Outreach Shirley Dresden shared that Nu members contributed \$27.36 in December to the Malawi

well fund and collected "Change for Change" during the meeting. Shirley reported that the official count for Million Minutes prior to the December meeting was 4,268,410 minutes but would verify the 10,602,180 total that included minutes reported at the December meeting. Side By Side will meet April 6 (5:00-7:00 p.m., Panera - Westlake Shopping Center).

Coordinating Council Callers will contact members regarding the joint meeting of the Peoria Area Coordinating Council March 28 at Pekin Country Club (registration 9:30 a.m., \$15 Brunch 10:00 a.m., Program 10:45 a.m.). Checks should be made payable to Nu Chapter and given to Cathy Curtis.

Old Business Mary Jane Sterling reviewed the March 7 Family House meal preparation plans for 30-40 Family House guests. Members may donate food items or money. Mary Jane Sterling moved that following reimbursement for ingredients/supplies, any excess money donated by members for the meal be contributed to Family House; motion passed.

New Business None.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Christine Berto, Secretary pro tem
Connie Voss, President

Nu Chapter #13 General Membership Meeting September 22, 2020

**To be approved at the October 7, 2020
General Business Meeting**

Program Mary Jane Sterling, Nu Chapter) presented *Introduction to ZOOM* via Zoom with 15 members and 13 guests in attendance.

Business Meeting President Karen Ball called the virtual Zoom business meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the recitation of *A Collect for Teachers*. Thirteen members attended; a

quorum was present. Four guests were in attendance.

Minutes The minutes of the March 2, 2020 General Membership meeting were approved as printed and distributed. The April 1, 2020 Joint Meeting of the Coordinating Council Meeting and the May 6, 2020 Nu Chapter meeting were canceled due to CoronaVirus.

Treasurer's Report (Cathy Curtis) The following reports will be filed for financial review:

Checking Account Balance Checking Account Balance March 2, 2020 \$165.87; Income \$180.00 (\$160.00 Donation-Family House dinner, \$20.00 Malawi Well Fund); Disbursements \$291.67 (\$9.08 March *Nu's Notes*-Dorothy Dean, \$100.00 Ted Sterling-groceries for Family House dinner, \$60.00 Donation-Family House, \$75.00 ILSO Leadership Academy (TCL) registration, \$15.00 Peoria Women's Civic Federation dues for 2020-21, \$32.59 President's pin/tax/shipping-Cathy Curtis); Checking Account Balance April 30, 2020 \$54.20; CEFCU Savings \$23.95; CEFCU Money Market Account) \$7,437.10 (includes \$5.78 interest); Total Balance April 30, 2020 \$7,515.25.

Checking Account Balance Checking Account Balance April 30, 2020 \$54.20; Income \$4,146.78 (\$2,276.00 Dues, \$70.78 Malawi Well Fund, \$1,800.00 Money from Money Market Account); Disbursements \$3,929.00 (\$35.00 Mary Krull-refund for Reserve Member dues, \$2,200.00 Move to Money Market Account, \$1,080.00 DKG International dues, \$614.00 DKG ILSO dues); Checking Account Balance September 22, 2020 \$271.98; CEFCU Savings \$23.95; CEFCU Money Market Account; \$7,840.50; Total Balance September 22, 2020 \$8,136.43.

Ratification of Voting Karen Ball reported the results from mail balloting:

Mail ballot May 5, 2020

Mary Jane Sterling moved to approve Nu Chapter Proposed Budget for 2020-2021.

Motion adopted May 12, 2020.

Mail ballot June 23, 2020

Christine Berto moved to amend the following Chapter Rules:

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Strike: (5) confer with the chapter's representative on the Common Place Board (if there is currently such a representative) and facilitate member participation in Common Place activities.

Strike: (15) seek/select applications for the Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant and submit one application annually per Illinois State Organization guidelines.

Motions adopted June 30, 2020

Communications and Marketing Kathy Johnson reported sending cards to Roberta Koscielski and Mary Taylor. Dorothy Dean reminded members of the September 26th *Nu's Notes* deadline. Chris Berto reported 2020-21 yearbooks would be delivered sometime after the October 7th meeting. Mary Jane Sterling reported the addition of the ILSO Zoom Meetings to Nu Chapter's website and will add the Tennessee State Organization Zoom meetings to be forwarded by Barb Blanco.

Finance (Mary Jane Sterling) The Finance Committee completed the Financial Review for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and found Nu Chapter finances to be in order.

Membership (Barb Blanco) Barb Blanco reported that she and Karen Ball had attended the Zoom meeting on Collegiate Membership. Due to CoronaVirus, Nu Chapter will step back at this time from making material donations to Lincoln School staff. Donations to Peoria Zoo and Wildlife Prairie Park may be considered in the future as well as the possibility of a Go Fund Me page, and Barb encouraged members to think about kinds of future donations. Three members will celebrate Membership milestones during 2020-2021:

Demetra Polites, 65 years; Deanna LaRue, 55 years; and Jeanette Kosier, 40 years. Barb encouraged members to bring a craft, a snack, or just themselves to the Side By Side events at Endres Park (Wednesday, September 30th 12p.m./Thursday, October 22nd 3:30p.m.). Barb will notify members by email regarding future Side By Side events as they are scheduled.

Nominations (Connie Voss) Recommendation Forms for ILSO elected positions and committee appointments can be found on the ILSO website and are due November 20, 2020.

Chapter Rules (Chris Berto) Current chapter rules will be published in 2020-21 yearbook and are on file with the ILSO Rules Chair.

Educational Excellence (Connie Voss) Sue Dion will present *The Joy of Zentangle* via Zoom at 5p.m. October 7th, instructing members in making Zentangle bookmarks. Zoom business meetings/programs have been scheduled for October, January, February, April, May, and June with a craft session in December. The September and October 2021 meetings/programs are planned as face-to-face.

Professional Advancement and Outreach (Carol Sleeth) Shirley Dresden will continue recording minutes read by members and is currently working on fundraising ideas for the Malawi Well Fund. Information about the five Legislative Seminars to be held via Zoom will appear in October *Nu's Notes*. Information about Scholarship applications due in January and Grant-in-Aid applications due in February can be found on the ILSO website. Carol will be in contact with Thomas Jefferson School and Friendship House regarding appropriate literacy activities in which members can safely participate. The ILSO Women in the Arts Committee is planning several art activities via Zoom during this year.

Coordinating Council The Joint Meeting of the Peoria Area Coordinating Council will be held Saturday, April 17, 2021 (9:30 Registration, 10:00 Brunch, 10:45 Program,

11:30 Meeting) at Pekin Country Club with Kimberly Thomas, 2016 Teacher of the Year, presenting *I Am a TeaCHEER! All Students Deserve a Pep Rally!*

Unfinished Business None.

New Business None.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Mary Taylor, Secretary
Karen Ball, President

Chapter Rules

The current Nu Chapter Rules appear in the 2020-2021 yearbook and are on file with the ILSO Rules Chair. Nu Chapter Rules outline current practices, procedures, and guidelines as voted upon by Nu Chapter members and are in compliance with International and ILSO governing documents. Please review and if you have questions or suggested amendments, contact Chris Berto [REDACTED]

October 2020—Sip and Sugar Challenge

Let Mary Jane Sterling know if you want to continue to improve your health. What does this challenge involve? We need to increase our intake of water. As we wear our masks, we may not be drinking sufficient water. Water can decrease our aches and pains and can result in us eating less. At the same time, we can all benefit from decreasing our intake of sugar. We will increase our water and decrease our sugar.

All you have to do is to agree to monitor these for the month of October. No mileage to report, just hoping that we will all feel better if we increase our water intake and decrease our sugar intake.

Join this challenge by letting her know either by email or on Facebook. She will be posting daily tips on our Facebook page.

2020-2021 Yearbook – Team Effort

“The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.” Phil Jackson

A special thanks to the Nu Team:

- Each of you for responding this summer regarding updates to your directory information
- Karen Ball, Connie Voss and EEC committee, Barb Blanco and Cathy Curtis for their input regarding programs, activities, and membership, and the Executive Board for input regarding final details
- Mary Jane Sterling and Mary Sutton for proofing copy and those who volunteered to hand deliver yearbooks
- Dorothy Dean for providing labels and assisting with Office Depot quote.

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

The Family House Team (see next page)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Crafts for the Holidays

On **Wednesday, December 2**, you’ll have a chance to attend a Zoom meeting where we’ll create some crafts to get ready for the holidays.



What do you need? You’ll want some plastic straws, string, light-weight cardboard (sides of pretty Kleenex boxes, cereal boxes), glue or glue gun, scissors. Patterns and specific projects will be available in November. This is just to help you start your collecting! Watch for more information!

Nu Chapter Meetings

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

- December 2 Craft session (Zoom)
- January 7 (Zoom) Day Trippin’— Favorite one-day trips in Illinois
- February 2 (Zoom) Perfect Perennials in Peoria
- April 6 (Zoom) What’s New at Wildlife Prairie Park
- April 17 Coordinating Council, Pekin Country Club

Dinner at Family House



On Saturday, March 7, five Nu Chapter members prepared dinner for the 30–40 people currently staying at Family House.

Since 1982, Family House has been providing affordable lodging and meals for families with patients in one of the three Peoria hospitals. Some stays are overnight. Others have stayed for months. People have come from 32 States and many Countries. The “suggested” fee for their stay is rather small; and the facilities offer so much to make their stay comfortable and manageable.

The meal prepared by Nu Chapter consisted of: five casseroles (one meatless), four dozen muffins (varying flavors), four huge pans of brownies (varying toppings), salad, carrots and cherry tomatoes. Three liters of soda were also brought, and chicken nuggets were available to any children in residence.

The food had to be prepared there, at Family House – nothing brought in from members’ homes. The dinner was then served buffet-style as residents came back from the hospitals.



Nu Chapter members made donations in preparation of the event. Some packaged foods were provided, and monetary donations were made for the purchase of the needed supplies.

Due to the generosity of the Chapter members, Nu was able to purchase \$100 in food and supplies and give a monetary donation of \$60 to Family House.

One of the residents we spoke with was from Tempe, Arizona. She and her sister were taking turns staying with a brother who had been brought here from that State. Another resident had been there for several months, hoping that her husband could be released sometime in the near future.

The experience at Family House was exhilarating, humbling, satisfying, and just a bit exhausting. It was wonderful.