



Nu's Notes



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Thoughts from Karen

I want to wish all our members a happy, safe holiday season. I am thankful that our chapter was able, through technology, to keep in touch and continue our schedule of meetings and presentations. With Mary Jane's technical abilities, we have had the ability to join other chapter activities and make connections with other chapter members.

With the start of a new year we can look forward to new learning opportunities and a return, hopefully, to in person meetings and activities.

Happy New Year!

Karen



Making Nu Pathways

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

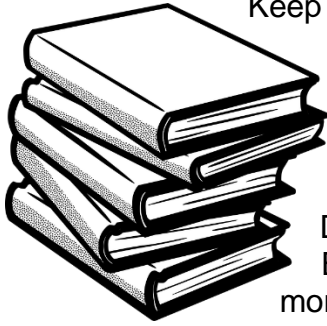
Meeting information, agenda, minutes, treasurer's reports, notices, etc., will be emailed by Karen Ball or Connie Voss. Connie will call those who do not have email.

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

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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

Membership Committee



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

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!

Check on these presentations and others at <http://nuchapterdkg.weebly.com>.



Attend a Zoom Meeting On Your Phone!!!

Our January 7 Nu Chapter meeting is "Day Trippin'". We want all members to contribute – tell about their Illinois adventures. We want all members to learn about the nearby fun. If you haven't been attending meetings on Zoom, you can use your phone to contribute and/or listen in on the possibilities.

Attending Zoom by phone:

- 1) Call the Chicago number: 1-312-626-6799
 - 2) When requested, enter the meeting ID, followed by a pound sign: 860 7444 2729 #
 - 3) If asked to enter a personal ID or a pound sign, enter the pound sign: #
 - 4) When requested, enter the meeting Passcode followed by a pound sign: 580192 #
- You don't need an account to join a Zoom meeting. But you do need the meeting ID.
 - Or you can sign up for a Zoom account that includes your contact information. Then when a host sets up a conference call, you can be contacted directly through Zoom without needing an invite URL.
 - If you haven't downloaded the Zoom app, you will see a prompt to download and run the app. You don't have to open a Zoom account to join any meetings.
 - Do you want some help or guidance? Are you interested in downloading the App? In either case, you can contact Mary Jane Sterling or Chris Berto for help (and a friendly chat).

Download Zoom by going to the Zoom website and finding the device you're using (iPad, PC, Mac).

Attending Zoom by computer:

- 1) Click on Join Zoom Meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86074442729>
- 2) Click on "Open Zoom Meetings"
- 3) If prompted, click on "Join with computer audio".
- 4) Click on "Join with Video"

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

Time for fun--Art Mart Silent Auction Has Started

By Bev Johns

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 **January with new items every two (2) days** so what fun this is going to be and what a wonderful cause.

Member Recognition

Congratulations!

It is with great honor to recognize

Mary Krull

For 50 years of membership in
Delta Kappa Gamma

She was initiated on January 17, 1970



We Need You!!!

We need YOU to participate in our January 7 program, Day Trippin'—Favorite one-day trips in Illinois and nearby for fun or field trip! We had to cancel the meeting with this topic last year, but this year we are prepared. Neither weather nor quarantine will get in the way! But we need you to be ready to share approximately 3 minutes about a place you have visited or plan to visit, and what attracts you to that location.

This is a virtual meeting on Zoom. Those of you who cannot connect any other way, you can do so by phone. Yes, you can! There are some members who do so regularly. We want you to be able to share in the conversation and tell us about a favorite place! See Mary Jane's Sterling's article about using Zoom in this newsletter.

Thursday, January 7, 2021

4:45 Sign in

5:00 p.m. Program

5:45 p.m. Meeting

See you (or hear you) then!

Donation Possibilities

As you probably know by now, we have not made plans for donations for the near future because of complications caused by COVID. We do also know that there still families in need, and in growing number.

Here are just a few places in Peoria that run food pantries that could use donated goods in case you would like to donate on your own. It would be practical to call them first, though, to make sure they are open and accepting donations, since things can change in this COVID world.

- East Bluff Community Center, 512 E. Kansas, 839-0781
- Neighborhood House, 1020 S. Matthews, 674-1131

- Peoria Friendship House, 800 NE Madison, 671-5200
- The Salvation Army, 417 NE Adams, 655-7272

Maybe you know some others as well. Some commonly needed items for pantries are: canned meat or fish, soup, canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, pasta, rice, cereal, tuna in pouches, laundry products, toiletries. Keep in mind that some individuals don't have facilities for cooking, so plan accordingly.

If dropping off food is not practical for you, consider giving a monetary donation to any of the above or to one of the area food banks. The food banks distribute food widely to pantries and other organizations and programs that serve people in need. You can mail a donation or donate online.

Peoria Area Food Bank (part of PCCEO), 721 W. McBean, 671-3906,
<https://www.peoriafoodbank.org/donate/>.

Midwest Food Bank, 9005 Industrial Drive, 691-5270,
<https://midwestfoodbank.org/locations/peoria-il/donate-peoria>

If you would like to locate other pantries or a wide variety of area services for all ages, you can access the Heart of Illinois 2-1-1 Referral Service by calling 211, or 309-999-4029, or checking the database at 211hoi.org.

Check the website for scholarship deadlines

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

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The Library Book by Susan Orlean

In *The Library Book*, Orlean chronicles the Los Angeles Public Library fire that occurred April 28, 1986, and its aftermath to showcase the larger, crucial role that libraries play in our lives—delving into the evolution of libraries across the country and around the world, from their humble beginnings as a metropolitan charitable initiative to their current status as a cornerstone of national identity. Join the thrilling journey through the stacks that reveals how these beloved institutions provide much more than just books—and why they remain an essential part of the heart, mind, and soul of our country. The book is a master journalist's reminder that, perhaps especially in the digital era, libraries are more necessary than ever.

If you know of yearbook updates, please send to Chris Berto cab3908@gmail.com or call/text 309-688-4282.

Condolences



- To Cathy Curtis and family due to the death of her mother on December 2.
- To the family of Demetra Polites due to her death on December 8.

March 2021 is Malawi Well Month!

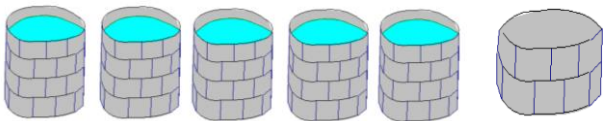
Mary Jane Sterling

While in Missouri in November, I was talking with a friend who will be taking on a huge quest. Beginning in March, he and some others will be riding their bicycles from North Carolina to Maine – all to raise money to feed the children in Malawi. I told him about our continuing program of building wells in Malawi! We bumped elbows in celebration.



Since we haven't been able to meet in person and do fund-raisers, we have been sitting at about \$300 toward our \$450 goal to build our **sixth** well. We're over half-way there! How can we raise another \$150? Let's see...we have 29 members, and \$150 divided by 29 is...

If you are able to help, then please send a check to Cathy Curtis, made out to Nu Chapter, denoting that this is for the Malawi Well. Do this before March 2 for State recognition. We can provide the safe drinking water, and my friend can ride his bicycle up the East Coast to help provide the food! I think that our project is easier.



International Project



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

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, October 7, 2020

To Be Approved at the January 7, 2021
General Business Meeting

Program Sue Dion presented *The Joy of Zentangle* via Zoom with 11 members and 2 guests (WIA Committee members Sue Dion,

Alpha Lambda, and Mary Stayner, Pi) in attendance.

Business Meeting First Vice-President Barb Blanco called the virtual Zoom business meeting to order at 5:50 p.m. followed by the recitation of *A Collect for Teachers*. Eleven members attended; a quorum was present. Two guests were in attendance.

Minutes The minutes of the September 22, 2020 General Membership 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 Checking Account Balance September 22, 2020 \$271.98; Income \$0.00; Disbursements \$141.50 (\$10.00 DKG Intl Golden Gift, \$10.00 DKG Intl Emergency Fund, \$25.00 DKG Intl. Educational Projects, \$30.50 ILSO Scholarship/ *Newscaster* fees, \$25.00 ILSO Scholarship Fund, \$30.00 Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies, Inc., \$11.00 Stamps/Altruistic-Kathy Johnson); Checking Account Balance as of September 28, 2020 \$230.48; CEFCU Savings Balance \$23.95; CEFCU Money Market account \$7,740.50; Total Balance September 28, 2020 \$7,994.93.

Communications and Marketing Kathy Johnson reported sending cards to Deanna LaRue and Chris Berto. Kathy will prepare packets (five greeting cards/a stamp/ a letter encouraging members to communicate with others) to be included in yearbook distribution. Dorothy Dean has sent electronic issues of October *Nu's Notes* with snail mail issues to be included in yearbook distribution. *Nu's Notes* deadline is November 22nd. Chris Berto reported the 2020-21 yearbook is being proofed and yearbooks would be delivered sometime in October. Mary Jane Sterling shared an updated page from Nu's website listing Zoom meetings and links, including those from Tennessee State Organization.

Finance (Mary Jane Sterling) Nu Chapter purchased a year's subscription to Zoom Pro (money budgeted under Meeting Expenses) to be hosted by Barb Blanco.

Membership (Barb Blanco) Barb Blanco acknowledged members celebrating October, November, and December birthdays.

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) Members were encouraged to review current chapter rules and suggest amendments as needed.

Educational Excellence (Connie Voss) Connie Voss thanked EEC members for planning programs and noted two upcoming Nu Zoom sessions: December 2, 3:00 p.m. Social Activity - *Making Holiday Decorations with Recycling Materials*; January 7, 5:00 p.m. Nu Chapter Meeting/Program - *Day Trippin'*. Zoom meeting issues are being resolved, and the meeting concluded with members taking a poll regarding time/topic/meeting length of October 7th meeting. Members may contact Connie regarding suggestions for future program topics.

Coordinating Council The Joint Meeting of the Peoria Area Coordinating Council will be held Saturday, April 17, 2021.

Unfinished Business None.

New Business None.

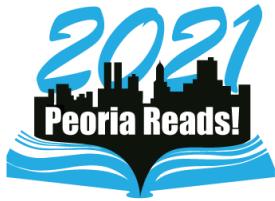
Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Mary Taylor, Secretary
Karen Ball, President

CONVENTION BOOK CLUB DISCUSSIONS

Please refer to the NU website for a synopsis:

- 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 by JimDeFede.



Peoria Reads!

Peoria Reads 2021
Selection is *The Library Book* by Susan Orleans.

Peoria Reads will kick off activities during National Library Week April 4-10, 2021.

Read the book, watch for a list of activities, and join Nu's book discussion led by Roberta Koscielski at our May 5 meeting!

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We are so fortunate partake of all the services and activities provided by Peoria Public Library. And we are exceptionally proud of Deputy Director Roberta Koscielski, Nu Chapter member. Thank you, Roberta, from all of us!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Nu Chapter Meetings

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

- January 7 (Zoom) Day Trippin'— Favorite one-day trips in Illinois
- February 2 (Zoom) Perfect Perennials in Peoria
- March 8 (Zoom) Something Worth Doing book discussion
- April 6 (Zoom) What's New at Wildlife Prairie Park
- April 17 Coordinating Council, Pekin Country Club
- May 5 (Zoom) The Library Book book discussion

Variations to the Scone Recipe on next page:

Cranberry-Orange Scones

Follow the recipe for Simple Scones, adding a generous teaspoon of finely grated orange rind (zest) or ½ tsp orange extract to the dry ingredients and substituting dried cranberries for the raisins.

Lemon-Blueberry Scones

Follow the recipe for Simple Scones, adding a generous teaspoon of finely grated lemon rind (zest) or ½ tsp lemon extract to the dry ingredients and substituting dried blueberries for the raisins.

Cherry-Almond Scones

Follow the recipe for Simple Scones, adding 1/2 tsp. almond extract to the sour cream mixture and substituting dried cherries for the raisins.

Chocolate or Butterscotch Scones

Adding chocolate or butterscotch chips to any of these flavors would make a very special scone.

Scones Recipe

From OLLI: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cups sugar (use $\frac{1}{2}$ cup or 1 cup, depending on how sweet you want it. I used $\frac{3}{4}$)
- 1 tsp baking powder
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp baking soda
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt
- 8 T butter (one stick - with or without salt)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup raisins or dried cherries, dried cranberries, chocolate chips, butterscotch chips
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sour cream
- 1 large egg

Directions

1. Adjust oven rack to lower-middle position and preheat oven to 400 degrees.
2. Melt the butter and allow to cool slightly while you prepare the other ingredients.
3. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper (foil may also work).
4. Put out another sheet of parchment paper to use for rolling out your dough. You can also work directly on your counter top.
5. In a large bowl, stir together the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt.
6. Stir in the dried fruit, making sure that they pieces are separated and not sticking together in clumps.
7. In a small bowl, whisk sour cream and egg until smooth. Add the melted butter.
8. Add the sour cream mixture to the flour mixture and stir with a large spoon just until all the flour is incorporated and the mixture comes together. The key to scones is to handle the dough as little as possible. You could use your stand mixture, but I found that it was faster to do it all by hand.

Place the dough on your parchment paper and pat into a round symmetrical shape. If it feels too wet, you can incorporate some additional flour. Try not to add too much.

1. Cut the dough into two pieces and place one to the side. Pat one piece into a round shape about $\frac{1}{2}$ - to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch thick and about 6 inches in diameter.
2. Liberally sprinkle the top with demerara or turbinado sugar (optional).
3. Use a long, sharp knife or a pizza cutter to divide the dough into 8 triangles; place on a cookie sheet (preferably lined with parchment paper but foil probably works), about $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch apart. Repeat with the second half of the dough. You will have 16 scones. Bake until golden, about 15 to 17 minutes. I found 15 minutes was perfect for mine.
4. Cool for 5 minutes and serve warm or at room temperature. These are recommended to be served the same day, but I feel that they were good for a few days and especially good heated briefly in the microwave. They also freeze well. A gallon zip lock bag will hold 16 scones.