



Nu's Notes



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President's message

What a pleasure the past 2 years have been being together again in Nu. You all have been so generous in giving your time, energy, spirit and support to me, to each other and to our activities.



Twice during this biennium we distributed library card applications to all the Peoria schools, and then we filled Mary Jane's car with donations to the Dream Center and replenished the classroom supplies at the Regional Learning Center. We advanced literacy by recommending our favorite books to each other and by discussing *The Bluest Eye*, *Remarkably Bright Creatures* and *Nature's Best Hope*. We caught up on what's new in Peoria (P-Vac, PPS, Wildlife Prairie Park, Alzheimer's research, recycling efforts, and incorporating native plants in our gardens) and what's old in Peoria (historic tour and Wheels of Time Museum).

All this is thanks to our wonderful Program Committee and the shared enthusiasm of our members. It has been a delight being Together Again.

– Cathy

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

Program Notes

As Program Chair, I want to thank the Program Committee members from this biennium: Julie Frank, Roberta Koscielski, Cam Ratcliff, and Mary Jane Sterling, with help from Chapter Chair, Cathy Curtis. They quickly came up with a variety of interesting programs and stayed on top of things the whole time. A special thank you goes to Roberta for leading a Peoria Reads book discussion, and Mary Jane for being a program presenter, as well as Julie for holiday crafting. You all made my job easy (Connie Voss, Program Chair) and provided engaging programs for our membership!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday,
June 5, 2024



We will wrap up our year with a field trip to *Wheels of Time Museum* on Wednesday, June 5. Meet there at noon.

1710 W. Woodside Drive, Dunlap (just off of North Knoxville Road, right after Maple Shade Dental). Admission is \$10 per person.

Carpooling is welcome.

Chapter Book Discussions

On Thursday, April 25, Nu Chapter members discussed the Peoria Reads title for 2024, "Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard" by Dr. Douglas W. Tallamy as well as a Peoria Reads 2024 companion book, the novel "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt. These discussions were led by Nu Chapter member and Peoria Reads committee member Roberta Koscielski and held at the McClure Branch of Peoria Public Library.

Chapter Grants

This year, Nu Chapter is funding two chapter grants to local teachers. Congratulations to Dr. Kelsey Clarkson of Richwoods High School who has received \$200 to fund her project "Data Collection for Statistics Students at Dozer and Other Places." Congratulations to Lise Higgins of Peoria Hebrew Day School who received \$200 to fund her project "Comprehending Fractions." An anonymous donor has directly funded the granted amount for the Peoria Hebrew Day School project. Our chapter looks forward to following the progress and hearing about the outcomes of both of these projects.

Peoria Regional Learning Center

After an enlightening presentation by the principal and several teachers, Nu Chapter members took a tour of the Peoria Regional Learning Center earlier this year, Nu Chapter has since requested and received wish lists of items that would enhance students' classroom environment and learning at PRLC. These wish lists are being reviewed by chapter members so that members can choose to purchase items to donate to this vital Peoria school. Here are the links to these wish lists:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/14MYP8B7RLLPV?ref=wl_share

<https://a.co/7EzFQeJ>

[Amazon.com: Capslpad Handprints Footprints Kids Rug for Playroom 5'x7' Large Kids Carpet Non-Slip Colorful Kids Play Mat Washable Soft Nursery Rug for Baby Boys Girls Kids Bedroom Classroom Decor : Baby](#)

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.

2023-2024 Yearbook Updates

Page 5: Please note new Personnel & Legislation Chairs:

Personnel - Dr. Amy Huftalin (Zeta)
4002 Meandering Way, Crystal Lake, IL
60014-6538

Legislation - Fran Prude (Beta Epsilon)
1702 Ridgewood Dr., Morrison, IL 61270-9560

Page 24: Two chapters will dissolve effective June 30, 2024

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There may be additional changes to yearbook contents following voting on amendments to *Constitution* at the International Convention in July. See March/April *DKG NEWS*. We will incorporate them in the 2024-2025 yearbook.

If your yearbook information changes over the summer, please let Chris Berto know as she prepares the 2024-2025 Yearbook.

Chris Berto - [redacted] call or text

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Wednesday,
June 5, 2024



Field Trip: 12:00 p.m.

Wheels of Time Museum, 1710 W.
Woodside Drive, Dunlap \$9.00 admission

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

1:45 p.m. Sign in; 2:00 p.m. Program, and
2:45 p.m. Meeting

PPL North Branch, Seminar Room,
3001 W. Grand Parkway, Peoria

Program: *Good News from JOLT Foundation;*
Chris Schaffner, JOLT Program and Director of
the JOLT Foundation

Purposes: 1, 6, 7

Music: *I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing*

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

Activities/Reports: Finance, Membership;
Professional Advancement and Outreach;
Educational Excellence

Hostess: Educational Excellence - Program
Committee

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

1:45 p.m. Sign in; 2:00 p.m. Program, and
2:45 p.m. Meeting

Neighborhood House, 1020 S. Matthew Street,
Peoria

Program: *Overview of Neighborhood House;*
Julie Bonar, President and CEO

Purposes: 1, 6, 7

Music: *I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing*

Donations: Supplies for Neighborhood House

Activities/Reports: Membership;
Communications and Marketing; Professional
Advancement and Outreach; Educational
Excellence

Hostess: Educational Excellence - Program
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READ....READ...READ

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



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.

Dues 2024

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.



Members can pay their dues at the May meeting or June tour or by sending a check to Mary Jane Sterling at 3223 West Chadwick Lane, Peoria, IL 61614-1020.



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.