



Nu's Notes



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Thoughts from Connie

Happy October! While Spring is known as a time of beginnings, it seems that, really, each season has its "beginnings". As we are slowly saying goodbye to summer sun and fun, we welcome cooling days, falling leaves, apples and pumpkins, school days underway and the new program year for DKG.

The Program Committee has a great year planned and the Membership Committee has already kicked off their list of projects to help support the teachers of PPS Lincoln School!

Join us as much as you are able! Let us know if you need a ride or other assistance.

Recently Mary Jane Sterling, Chris Berto and I traveled to Bloomington for the annual DKG IL State Executive Board meeting. It is invigorating to take part in this gathering of so many talented and enthusiastic members from throughout the state of Illinois, sharing what is going on at the state level while also having opportunities to meet and learn more about other chapters.

Some of our own Nu Chapter members are part of IL State leadership: Mary Jane Sterling, Chair of Communications and Marketing Committee; Chris Berto, member of State Rules Committee; and Barb Blanco, member of State Membership Committee, as well as my own membership of the Executive Board as a chapter president. In addition to our business meeting to carry on State business, there were speakers from the State Committees, and there were programs about building leadership, promoting membership, how to amend rules, and The Power of One.

Energetic DKG IL State President, Bev Johns, welcomed us and talked about her theme for the biennium, "Making a Difference", using the symbol of a starfish.

You have probably heard the story, in short, of the child who would throw a starfish back into the sea. When an old man pointed out that there are too many starfish to save, the boy replied, "*I can make a difference for this one.*" If you put together Bev's theme of "Making a Difference" with our Nu theme, "Making Connections", Nu Chapter and each of its members can be a powerful force this year.

How do we make a difference every day? How can we make a difference this year? Be part of the Power of One---the power of one chapter, and the power of each Nu member—to make a difference!

A special thank you goes to Chris Berto for all her hard work on this year's yearbook, as well as everyone else who contributed!

Warmly, *Connie*

Membership Committee



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

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), let your phone tree caller or an officer know, and/or reply in your email response.

Please Respond



A reminder to return calls/voice messages, text messages, and/or emails whether or not you'll be attending a meeting.



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.

Apply for a Stipend!



Did you know that any member may apply for a Lambda State Foundation stipend? These applications do not have to be initiated by the Chapter. Stipends are awarded to individual members for individual projects.

These projects can be inside the classroom or somewhere in the community and can involve the individual member, not necessarily the chapter.

Look under Foundation on the Illinois State Organization website, and you'll see a listing of stipends awarded. Applications for the Foundation stipend are due November 1.

A complete listing of all Scholarships, Stipends and Grants is found on our chapter website (nuchapterdkg.weebly.com site). Guidelines and applications available on the Illinois State Organization website. (www.deltakappagamma.org/IL)

Need a New Membership Card?

Did you know that you can print your own membership card? You can even print one with your picture on it if you have uploaded a picture to your profile. Just go to MyDKG>My Account and look for the "Membership Card" selection on the banner of your dashboard and follow the directions. Remember that International will only be printing cards for new members as they join and will no longer be printing membership cards each year for the entire chapter.

Source: *President's Page* Nov/Dec 2018
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If you know of someone who needs our attention, please let one of the officers know.

2019-2020 Yearbook A 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
- Connie Voss and Cathy Curtis and her committee for planning and submitting the information about Meetings, Programs, Donations, etc.
- Mary Jane Sterling for proofing copy and providing formatting suggestions
- Dorothy Dean for providing labels and using her "magic card" for printing discount at Office Max

Please contact me if there are corrections and updates.

The first two corrections are mine: Change title on cover from Illinois, Lambda State to Illinois State Organization. Pages 28-31, the September 2020 meeting should read Tuesday, September 22, 2020.

Corrections will be shared at meetings and in Nu's Notes. Chris Berto [REDACTED] call or text cab3908@gmail.com

If you would prefer to receive an electronic version of Nu's Notes, please email Dorothy Dean at ddean@icc.edu to be included in an electronic distribution list.

If you would like to post news in an upcoming issue of Nu's Notes, send your information to Dorothy Dean ddean@icc.edu or [REDACTED]

Side by Side

Everyone is a Welcome!



Bring a craft to work on, or come and enjoy great conversation. You can also bring dinner or purchase it there!

The following are the 2019-2020 dates and locations:

- **Tuesday, October 8 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Hardees on Willow Knolls (We have the side room.)**
- Monday, November 18 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. At Kathy Johnson's new home (Buehler Retirement Home, 3415 N. Sheridan Rd., Apt. 283)
- Thursday, January 9 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Mary Jane Sterling's home
- Saturday, February 22 from 10:00-noon at Barb Blanco's home
- Monday, April 6 from 5-7:00 p.m. at Panera Restaurant at West Lake shopping center
- Wednesday, May 20 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Hardees on Willow Knolls

Peoria Women's Civic Federation Meetings

As a member of the Peoria Civic Federation, our Chapter members can (and do) attend their meetings. The exact title of any meeting is published in the Journal Star in the week before the event. Here is their schedule:

*9:30 a.m., St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
1427 W. Lake, Peoria*

4th Wednesday of the month

October-Fine Arts; January-Health/Social Issues; February-Education; March-Civic History; April-Environment

3rd Wednesday of the month

November-Local Government; December-Religion

School Supplies

We will be collecting school supplies to restock the Lincoln School teachers in January. Please watch for sales. If you need items picked up, please contact an officer or bring items to a meeting.

Donations to Lincoln School (Peoria) Teachers for Fall 2019

Calculators	2
Colored paper reams	13
Composition books	84
Crayola markers	30
Crayons/ box of 24	5
Disinfectant wipes	1
Dry erase board cleaner/ small	2
Dry erase eraser	2
Dry erase markers	112
Dry erase white boards 4x8 ft. cut into smaller boards	2
Erasers/cap size for end of pencil.....	385
Glue/large refill size 32 oz.	1
Highlighters	38
Kid scissors	2
Kleenex	12
Markers/Sharpies	29
Pencil pouches	8
Pencils	164
Pens	108
Post-it, chart size	24
Post it pads, small	39
Poster Boards	30
Rulers.....	8
Snack bags, boxes	9
Spiral notebooks.....	10
Stickers, by the package	7
White-out	4

Condolences

- to **Mary Jane Sterling** and family on the death of her brother



Lincoln School Schedule of Activities

Our chapter is continuing to support the Lincoln School K-8 teachers. Here is the current schedule of activities:

October 10 - put together "goodie bags" for Lincoln K-8 teachers for P/T Conferences on Oct. 16. We plan on doing this at Barb Blanco's house at 5 p.m.

November – We will contact Lincoln K-8 to get updated list of teacher supplies for second semester

December - Collect supplies and put the teacher boxes together

January - Deliver boxes to Lincoln teachers

April - Provide treat with slogan "You Can Do It!" to encourage teachers for the rest of the year.

Past Meeting Minutes

NU Chapter (#13) General Membership Meeting, May 4, 2019

Approved at the September 19, 2019
General Business Meeting

Business Meeting Ten Nu Chapter members and DKG Illinois State Organization Ambassador Sue Dion attended the May 4th meeting at Cornstock Theater. A quorum was present. President Connie Voss called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. followed by the recitation of *A Collect for Teachers* and introduction of Sue Dion. The minutes of the March 13, 2019 General Membership Meeting were approved as printed. The treasurer's report to be filed for financial review was as follows: Checking Account Balance as of March 13, 2019 \$302.83; Income \$478.00 (\$268.00 Dues, \$20.00 Malawi Well fund, \$50.00 Chapter Bazaar, \$140.00 Coordinating

Council lunches); Disbursements \$377.63 (\$140.00 Coordinating Council lunches, \$25.00 Coordinating Council Dues, \$10.77 Dorothy Dean March *Nu's Notes*, \$201.86 President's convention expenses); Checking Account Balance as of May 4, 2019 \$403.20; CEFCU Savings \$6.59; CEFCU Money Market account \$7,597.96; Total Balance May 4, 2019 \$8,014.38.

Cathy Curtis reminded members of the June 30 dues deadline.

Communications Cards for birthdays were circulated. Dorothy Dean distributed *Nu's Notes* and asked that members share with her information from the summer for the Fall *Nu's Notes*. Chris Berto asked that members notify her should their directory information change. Julie Frank reminded members that each is welcome to attend Peoria Area Women's Civic Federation meetings and that meeting topics are published in the *Peoria Journal Star*.

Membership Connie Voss announced that two Nu Chapter members were honored at the Illinois State Organization Convention – fifty-five year member Mary Sutton and forty-year member Rose Robinson. Connie shared that the Lincoln School project included treats for staff in February and April and that a workshop is being planned for fall. Members interested in helping Lincoln staff close classrooms for the summer should contact Karen Ball.

Finance Mary Jane Sterling distributed and explained the proposed 2019-2020 budget. It was moved and seconded to adopt the 2019-2020 proposed budget; motion passed.

Chapter Rules Following an explanation of proposed amendments bringing Nu Chapter Rules into compliance with International and state governing documents, it was moved and seconded to approve en masse the amendments as published in May 2019 *Nu's Notes*; motion passed. Amended rules read:

Lambda State to read Illinois State Organization in: ▪ I. A.; II. A.; III. I. M. N; IV. D. 1; ▪ IV. D. 2. a) (3) (19); b) (11) (12); c) (6) (7);

d) (9); e) (10) (a) (iv) (b) (ii) (iii) (11) (12); f) (4) (11) (12);. h) (3) (4) (10) (11) (15) (16) (17); i) (8) (9); j) (4) (6); XI. A. 2.

Initiation to read induction in: IV. D. 2. b) (13) (d) (e); e) (10) (b) (ii); V. A. 5.; Initiates to read in: Inductees X. D.

III. Finances

A. The Finance Committee shall develop a budget and present the proposed budget and proposed dues and assessments at the May meeting 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).

C. International and state dues and fees shall be paid by June 30 to the chapter treasurer who shall send them to International and the state treasurer by September 30. Budgeted contributions to state and International funds will be sent per guidelines.

IV. Officers and Committees D. Duties 2. Additional Duties

b) The First Vice-President shall:

(13) (b) distribute new member recommendation forms; evaluate recommendations for active, collegiate, and honorary membership (clear candidates with Coordinating Council) and submit the names of qualified candidates for vote by ballot (majority vote required) in March and other months as needed.

d) The Recording Secretary shall:

(4) record/maintain in an organized manner accurate minutes for all chapter and Executive Board meetings including the joint Coordinating Council meeting and December function;

record in minutes the names of members terminated, including the reason and date of termination; minutes are to be signed by the Recording Secretary and President. e) The Corresponding Secretary shall:

(1) chair the Communications and Marketing Committee (Society Business). (10) coordinate with the Communications and Marketing Committee consisting of: (11) complete by required deadlines all reports/studies/surveys as requested by Illinois State Organization and International (or assign the reports/studies/surveys to appropriate Communications and Marketing Committee members).

f) The Treasurer shall:

(1) collect member dues, and, if necessary, consult with the Membership Chair who will notify members regarding payment of dues and termination of membership.

2) send new member form, induction fee, dues, and fees to state Treasurer and International per instructions.

3) maintain an accurate and current membership roster

Renumber (3)-(13) to (4)-(14)

V. Meetings .

C. All members being notified, chapter meetings may be face-to-face, 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.

Relettered C.-F. to D.-G.

VI. Executive Board

A. 5. Corresponding Secretary –
Communications and Marketing

D. Matters requiring immediate action may be voted upon by mail, electronic transmission, or phone. The President shall designate the person 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, 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.

IX. Member Responsibilities

C. An active and reserve member's financial obligations include: 1. payment of dues and fees; membership is terminated for non-payment of dues and fees by October 1, resignation or death.

Educational Excellence Cathy Curtis highlighted the Thursday, September 19th meeting at Peoria Public Schools Administration Building, DLC #2 featuring Superintendent Dr. Kherat. Registration begins at 4:45 p.m. followed by the meeting at 5:00 and program at 5:30. The October meeting will be at Morron House. Because there is fee to tour the house, it was moved and seconded to suspend Article 5B that reads: "No charge shall be made to a chapter member for chapter meetings other than meal functions/refreshments."; motion passed.

Professional Advancement and Outreach Shirley Dresden reported that Nu is collecting money for its 6th well in Malawi and showed her "rainstick" for collecting change. Nu Chapter has charted 6,286,970 minutes of reading. Mary Jane Sterling asked that Nu continue donating school supplies to Common Place and that she, Jeanette Kosier, and Carol Sleeth had met with Common Place Executive Director Pam Rumba regarding the possibility of Nu members providing programs for the

coming year. Julie Frank and Sue Dion discussed plans for the Creative Arts Retreat at Allerton Park on June 28-30. Side-By-Side will meet May 16th.

Coordinating Council The Coordinating Council evaluation meeting is scheduled Monday, May 6, 2019.

Announcements A June planning session during which all members may contribute ideas will be announced via email.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Program Laura Johnson presented *It Plays in Peoria, 100th Anniversary of Community Theater in Peoria* and led members on a tour of the Winter Theater in Bradley Park.

Julie Frank, Secretary
Connie Voss, President

Past Meeting Minutes

NU Chapter (#13) General Membership Meeting, September 19, 2019

To Be Approved at the October, 2019 General Business Meeting

Program Dr. Sharon D. Kherat, Superintendent, updated members regarding Peoria Public Schools including teacher shortage and its effect on student population, trauma confronting today's students, teacher strategies and presentation of curriculum to best address students, and volunteer positions/activities.

Business Meeting President Connie Voss called the meeting at Peoria Public Schools Administration Building to order at 6:07 p.m. followed by the recitation of *A Collect for Teachers*. Eleven members attended; quorum was present. Connie distributed information from the July planning meeting, including Nu Chapter assessment as related to S.W.O.T

(Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) and its usefulness in future planning.

Minutes The minutes of the May 4, 2019 General Membership Meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report (Cathy Curtis) The following report was presented and will be filed for financial review: Checking Account Balance May 4, 2019 \$403.20; Income \$2,096.26(\$2,069.00 dues, \$23.26 Malawi Well Fund, \$4.00 Chapter Mart); Disbursements \$2,212.30 (\$1,080.00 DKG International dues, \$614.00 ILSO dues, \$90.50 ILSO convention fee/leadership development fee/scholarship fees/Newscaster fee, \$15.00 Peoria Women's Civic Federation dues, \$7.21 Dorothy Dean/May Nu's Notes, \$31.99 Connie Voss/ink cartridge, \$125.66 Barb Blanco/teacher school supplies for Lincoln School, \$147.94 Karen Ball/teacher school supplies for Lincoln School), \$25.00 ILSO Scholarship Fund, \$30.00 Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies, Inc., \$25.00 DKG Educational Foundation, \$10.00 Golden Gift Fund, \$10.00 Emergency Fund; Checking Account Balance as of September 19, 2019 \$287.16; CEFCU Savings Balance \$6.59; CEFCU Money Market account \$7,616.12; Total Balance September 19, 2019 \$7,909.87.

Communications Cards for birthdays were circulated. Articles for October *Nu's Notes* are due to Dorothy Dean by September 27th. Yearbook information will be finalized at the September 23rd Executive Board meeting. Depending on Office Max printing schedule, the yearbook may or may not be ready for distribution October 2nd. Julie Frank will attend Peoria Area Women's Civic Federation meetings, and all Nu members are welcome.

Membership (Karen Ball) Karen shared thank you notes from Lincoln School staff/students and Peoria Public Schools for teacher supplies totaling \$732.00. Lincoln School goodie bags will be assembled October 10th at 5:00 p.m. at Barb Blanco's home. Lincoln school supplies will be collected and distributed for 2nd

semester in addition to an April treat for teachers.

Educational Excellence (Cathy Curtis) Cathy highlighted the 2019-2010 programs. The October 2nd meeting location, program, and time has been changed to Lincoln School - 3:15 p.m. Registration, 3:30 p.m. School Tour; meeting to follow tour.

Professional Advancement and Outreach Carol Sleeth reported on Common Place's increased number of GED graduates and needed supplies. Side By Side will meet October 8th at 5:00 p.m. at Hardee's (Willow Knolls).

Coordinating Council The Coordinating Council Meeting is scheduled for Saturday March 28, 2020 (9:30 a.m. registration) at Pekin Country Club with Speaker Kimberly Thomas, former Illinois Teacher of the Year.

Old Business None.

New Business None.

Announcements Connie Voss, Mary Jane Sterling, and Chris Berto will attend the September 20-21 ILSO Executive Board Meeting in Bloomington.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Christine Berto, Secretary pro tem
Connie Voss, President



**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS**

Tuesday, October 8

- **Side-by-Side from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Hardees on Willow Knolls (We have the side room.)**

Monday, November 4, 2019

Location: Home of Barb Blanco

5110 W. Newcastle Dr., Peoria

Registration: 4:45 p.m.

Meeting: 5:00 p.m.

Program: 5:30 p.m.
Nu Members *Create
Your Own Cards*,



Donations: Greeting cards for the activity; teacher supplies, see Yearbook page 31

Barb Blanco will inspire our creativity and teach us all how to make original greeting cards at our November meeting. She suggests that we all bring some old greeting cards to recycle/reuse as new, original, personal cards. Bringing a pair of scissors would be helpful, too.

In addition to the greeting cards and scissors please remember to bring your donations for the Lincoln School teachers' second semester supplies.

Saturday, December 7, 2019

Location: Proctor Place

2724 W Reservoir Blvd.,
Peoria

Registration: 10:30 a.m.

Meeting: 10:45 a.m.

Program: 11:00 a.m.; Cookie Exchange and Bruch (Potluck or \$5); Tour follows the Brunch.

Donations: Teacher supplies, see Yearbook page 31; Mittens, scarves and hats for Common Place

Help keep them warm this winter with your donations.



DKG IL State Events

Open to all members

Legislative Seminar

October 26, 2019; Lincoln Library, Springfield

Teach to Lead

March 6-7, 2020; Site TBD

Annual Convention

April 24-26, 2020; Marriott St. Louis Airport

Leadership Academy

June 6, 2020; Bradley University, Peoria

Creative Arts Retreat

June 23, 24, 25, 2020; Allerton Park,
Monticello, Illinois

Malawi Wells

The Marion Medical Mission has announced an increase in the cost of one well for a village in Malawi. We will now need to donate \$450 to pay for a well. Please be generous as we raise funds for our next well.



In response to our “start of the semester” donation to the teachers at Lincoln School, the chapter received the following letter (see over). In addition, the chapter received two thank-you cards: one signed by the teachers and one signed by students in one of the classes and included a picture of the students.

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August 27, 2019

Karen Ball
Delta Kappa Gamma
15207 N. 7th Street
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Dear Mrs. Ball:

On behalf of the Peoria Board of Education, I wish to express our appreciation to you for the supplies, valued at \$732.00, to supports the teachers at Lincoln K-8 School. Your support enables Peoria Public Schools to continue providing activities and materials that enhance our schools.

With your support, we know our community will always be proud of our schools and our students.

The Peoria Board of Education did not provide any goods or services to you in exchange for this donation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Adler" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dan Adler
President, Board of Education

Cc: Thomas Blumer
Principal