



Nu's Notes



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Thoughts from Connie

Cabin fever, anyone? Well, Nu Chapter is here for you!

You can start by getting a copy of *The Hate U Give*, by Angie Thomas, to read in preparation for our May Chapter Meeting when we will discuss the book as a part of this year's Peoria Reads!

After attending our March 2 meeting where you have the fellowship of your Nu Chapter sisters and an opportunity to see and learn about Family House and their valuable services, we

will play a part in that service when we return to Family House on March 7 and cook dinner for the residents. Your help is needed to cook or to donate ingredients for the dinner. Later in March, on the 28th, there will be the annual Coordinating Council Meeting brunch and you are all invited!

On April 1, there will be an "unofficial meeting" when members can gather and discuss things pertinent to our chapter, as well as future plans. There is an opportunity for a weekend getaway to meet DKG members from all over the state if you would like to attend the Illinois State Organization Convention in St. Louis on April 24-26. Registration is available on the DKG IL State website and is due by April 1.



The Side by Side that takes place this Saturday, as I write this, will have already taken place by the time you get this but there will be two more opportunities this year: April 6 and May 20. After all that, I might as well go on to May, since our last regular meeting of the program year will be in May with the Peoria Reads! Book Discussion, installation of officers, and some awards presentations.

In addition, now is the time to be thinking about next year. What will your part be? Our incoming president, Karen Ball, is gathering committee chairs and committee workers now. Please let her know ASAP what your preference would be for your position as a chair (those that are not elected) or on a committee.

Initially, I thought that I had 3 or 4 getting-out-of-the-house ideas to share, but it turned out there are many more! And these are only the scheduled ones. You can always contact your Nu sisters for your own social outings--lunch with a friend, dinner after a meeting, attending a community event, to work on a project together, or just to say Hello!

Your sister on the journey,
Connie

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

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.

Peoria Area Coordinating Council Spring Meeting March 28, 2020

The Peoria Area Coordinating Council is a joint council of the Beta Zeta, Alpha Lambda, and Nu Chapters which has a Spring Meeting each year to which all members of the three chapters are invited. This year's event is a meeting and brunch at the Pekin Country Club on Country Club Drive. Registration is at 9:30, followed by brunch, program, and meeting.

The featured speaker is Kimberley Thomas, former Illinois Teacher of the Year with a program entitled "I Am a TeaCHEER! All Students Deserve a Pep Rally!" There will be a used book/DVD/Video sale, so bring any you would like to contribute. Details of the registration deadline and the cost for the brunch will be available by the March 2 Nu Chapter regular membership meeting.

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:

- 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

2020 Peoria Reads!

The 2020 area Peoria Reads! has already begun a schedule of events. This year's Peoria Reads! featured book is *The Hate U Give*, by Angie Thomas, and Roberta Koscielski will lead us in a discussion at our May 6 meeting at the Peoria Public Library North Branch.

Start now and have plenty of time to read the book. There are no free books this year but check with your local library or bookstore to get a copy, or perhaps borrow one from a Nu member. *The Hate U Give* is also a movie and there will be a showing and discussion on Saturday, March 14, at the Peoria Public Library North Branch (2 p.m.). You can find a description of the book and a complete listing of this year's events at PeoriaReads.com or call 309-672-4937 if you have questions.

Peoria Women's Civic Federation Meetings

November 20, 2019

Beth Crider spoke to Peoria Women's Civic Federation at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. She joined the staff of the Regional Superintendent in 2011 when Dr. Gerald Brookhart appointed her his assistant. Upon his retirement in 2013 she was appointed Regional Superintendent by the Peoria County Board.

She spoke passionately on two issues. She focused on trauma of children and how that impacts teaching. The trauma comes in the forms of hunger, divorce, abuse, incarceration, drug and alcohol abuse, homelessness, witnessing trauma as part of everyday life, etc. Her second issue was that of teacher shortages and what solutions may be found.

Scheduled meetings of Peoria Women's Civic Federation are on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on West Lake Street at 9:30 a.m. Meetings are open to members of Nu Chapter.

December 18, 2019

Peoria Women's Civic Federation held its December meeting at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Lake Street at 9:30 a.m. After a brief business meeting Cindy Swanson introduced the speakers. Mary Anne Crenshaw and Becky Runyon shared aspects of the Baha'i Faith which includes the belief in being citizens of the world and encompasses all religions as part of a whole. It is their belief that Moses, Mohammad, and Jesus were each messengers of God and they use teachings from each of the major religions for their faith base.

In this faith there are no clergy, so the ladies presented their understanding of the teachings and shared hopefulness. There are people of the Baha'i faith in 240 countries and it began in the mid-1800s in Persia which is now Iran. It is central to the Baha'i faith that the purpose "of religion is to establish unity amongst the peoples of the world."

February 26, 2020

Peoria Area Women's Civic Federation met Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Peoria. The speaker was Mark Willis, the Chief Financial Officer for Peoria Public Schools. He spoke to the financial overview of Peoria Public Schools, which is significantly better than five years ago when the State of Illinois was withholding funding. He also talked about the 5 Year Plan to improve the buildings owned by the school district and that in year 4 of this plan 99 of the 135 projects are completed.

The federation will meet again on March 25, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The topic for that meeting will be announced in the Peoria Journal Star.

May 6, 2020 Meeting



Everyone's favorite meeting is Wednesday, May 6! It's our annual book discussion of this year's Peoria Reads book, *The Hate U Give*. Roberta

Koscielski will once again lead the discussion and present supporting information. We'll meet at 4:45 in the Beehive Room at Peoria North Branch Library.

If your Spring Cleaning includes some books you've already read and would like to pass on, you can bring them to this meeting and donate them to the Friends of the Peoria Public Library book sale.

Mark your calendar now – U'd hate to miss *The Hate U Give!*

Yearbook Updates

Add to page 58 of the Yearbook

July 15 **Technology Seminar (Central)**
IEA Building, Bloomington, IL

October 17 **Technology Seminar (North)**
Illinois Valley Community College, Oglesby, IL

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



Stipend Deadline

April 1, 2020

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/

Lincoln School Schedule of Activities

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

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

Budget Items

Nu Chapter officers and committee chairs (outgoing and incoming) will be meeting on April 1 (no foolin') for a Planning Meeting. Discussions could include past, present, and future projects.

Two weeks after this Planning Meeting, the Finance Committee will meet to audit the books and prepare next year's budget. And we need your help!

Outgoing officers and chairs: Have all your vouchers turned in to Cathy (or give her a note detailing any expected expenditures through June 20). Attach bills/receipts to vouchers.

Incoming officers and chairs: Notify a Finance Committee Member of any planned projects or programs and estimates of their costs.

DKG IL State Events

Open to all members

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

Past Meeting Minutes

NU Chapter (#13) General Membership Meeting, December 7, 2019

To be approved at the March 2, 2020 General Business Meeting

Business Meeting President Connie Voss called the meeting, at Notre Dame High School, to order at 10:45 a.m. followed by the recitation of *A Collect for Teachers*. Twelve members attended; a quorum was present.

Minutes The minutes of the November 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 November 4, 2019 \$140.01; Income \$200.00 (\$200.00 transfer from Money Market Account); Disbursements \$200.00 (\$200.00 Emily Hrdlicka, Lincoln School recipient of Nu Chapter Grant); Checking Account Balance December 7, 2019 \$140.01; CEFCU Savings \$6.59; CEFCU Money Market account \$7,423.36; Total Balance December 7, 2019 \$7,569.96.

Communications and Marketing *Nu's Notes* deadline is February 20, 2020. Yearbook updates appear in December *Nu's Notes*. Camille Ratcliff reported that the Peoria Civic Federation meeting featured Peoria Regional Superintendent Beth Crider who spoke about teacher shortage, its effects, and what is being done locally to educate children exposed to trauma.

Educational Excellence The February 5, 2020 meeting at Peoria Public Library North Branch will feature "Day Trippin' with members sharing favorite one-day trips in Illinois (or near). Brochures featuring Illinois sites were distributed.

Professional Advancement and Outreach

The Nu Chapter Grant of \$200 awarded Emily Hrdlicka, a 7th grade teacher at Lincoln School, was used to take 75 students to see *Harriet*, a biography of Harriet Tubman. Shirley Dresden shared that Nu has \$153.62 toward the purchase of a \$450 Malawi well and encouraged members to donate "Change for Change." Shirley reported as of May 4, 2019, members had read a total of 6,333,770 minutes and requested members record minutes read since that time.

Coordinating Council The joint meeting of the Peoria Area Coordinating Council will be March 28, 2020 at Pekin Country Club. It was suggested Beth Crider be a speaker for a future meeting.

Old Business None.

New Business Common Place will be merging with Neighborhood House effective January 1, 2020.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Music Members sang *The Restroom Door* said "Gentlemen."

Program A potluck and *Tour of the International Crèche Show* followed the meeting.

Julie Frank, Secretary
Connie Voss, President

Chapter Rules

At the May meeting, amendments to the Chapter Rules will be presented. Among those being considered are:

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Professional Advancement and Outreach Committee

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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.

Rationale: With the recent merger of Common Place and Neighborhood House, Nu Chapter will no longer have a representative on the Common Place Board.

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

Rationale: This state grant is slated to be discontinued at the end of this fiscal year.

Something to consider:

Per *Roberts Rules of Order*, the name of the maker of the motion is to be included in the minutes. Organizations have the option of not including the name of the maker of the motion in the minutes if it is specified in their rules. If the chapter chooses not to include the name, the chapter rules must state that.

Nu Chapter Rules do not state otherwise so the name of the maker of the motion is included in the minutes.

Some organizations choose not to include the name to protect the identity of the maker.

Others choose to include the name so that if in the future, if one wished to obtain information regarding the rationale or thinking behind a motion passed or defeated, one would know whom to contact.

- **What are your thoughts on this? Include the name of the maker or not?**
- **Are there other chapter rules you feel need amending?**

Contact Chris Berto



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, March 28, 2020

Peoria Area Coordinating Council Joint Meeting of the Chapters

Location: Pekin Country Club, 310 Country Club Drive, Pekin

Registration: 9:30 a.m.

Brunch: 10:00 a.m.

Program: 10:45 a.m. "I Am A TeaCHEER! All Students Deserve a Pep Rally!" by Kimberly Thomas, 2016 Illinois Teacher of the Year.

Meeting: 11:30 a.m.

Donations: Books/DVD/Video and Centerpiece sale; see Yearbook page 30.

Monday, April 6

Side-by-Side from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Panera Restaurant at West Lake Shopping Center

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Location: Peoria Public Library North Branch, Beehive room, 3001 W. Grand Boulevard

Program: 4:45 p.m. Peoria Reads: *The Hate U Give* by Roberta Koscielski

Registration: 4:30 p.m.

Meeting: 5:15 p.m.

Donations: Books for the Friends of Peoria Public Library sale; see Yearbook page 31.