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**The mission of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.**

***President’s Corner***

Dear Iota Sisters,

 We had a great October meeting. Thank you, **Debi Pelow** for finding us another interesting and helpful program from **Marshall Ades**man of the Exchange Place.

 Again I want to thank **Beth Gilbert** and **Debi Pelow** for volunteering to act as co-chairs of the membership committee.

 Our next meeting will be at the Press Room Food City, **6 November 2021 at 11:00** AM. Hope to see everyone there.

 Remember to bring feminine hygiene products, children's underwear, and socks of all sizes.

 Looking forward to seeing all of you at another great meeting.

***LaMerle Francisco***

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***Next meeting 11:00 AM, Saturday, November 6th at Press Room, Food City—***

 Hope to see you next week! **Hostess Group #5** will be in charge of table decorations and devotions.

 Our speaker will be **Anne G’Fellers Mason,** executive director of the **Heritage Alliance of Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia** in Jonesborough. She has a BA in Theatre/History from Mars Hill University, an MA in History from East Tennessee State University, and an MFA in Playwriting from Hollins University.

 She gets to put all her studies to use at the **Heritage Alliance** where she writes local history-based plays including “A Spot On the Hill” that takes place every fall in the Old Jonesborough Cemetery. Anne is also a published author through Mountain Gap Books. Her titles include *The Summer Between*;  *Haints and Hollers: New Ghost Tales from Appalachia*; and *Shelved: Appalachian Resilience Amid COVID-19*. (She is also just plain fun to be around! Come and enjoy!)

 Our project this month is bringing donations for the **Kingsport Women’s Shelter Safe House**. These can be personal hygiene items, double bed sheets & pillowcases, or anything else that might be valued by a woman who has probably literally left an abusive situation with nothing but the clothes on her back.

 Since this is a catered meal, it is imperative that you send in your reservation THIS WEEK! Let your **Hostess group chair** know ASAP and please call the number in to **Jane Bowlin** so she can inform Food City. The price of the meal this time is **$16.00**, and you can see why: Turkey with dressing, broccoli casserole, cranberry salad, green salad, rolls, tea, pumpkin and pecan pie!

 Looking forward to seeing you there.

***Highlights of Our October Meeting—***

* **Marshal Adesman** talked about the history of Exchange Place.
* Members brought personal items to donate to Roosevelt School for students.
* Beth Gilbert reported that we had lost several members this year who have dropped their membership for various reasons—**Casey Bedford, Katie Litz,** and **Margaret Tomlinson.** They will be missed!

***From Personal Growth and Professional Development—***

 **Micro-credentials** are one way teachers can demonstrate professional competencies and provide evidence of outcomes from professional learning.  The state of Tennessee has a **pilot program to explore avenues for providing more personalized learning for teachers across the state.**  Twenty-six teachers in Kingsport City Schools have already participated with twenty-six micro-credentials granted.  For further information go to www.timesnews.net>news>local-news>kcs-teacher-professional-development

