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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 December meeting. The **Sweet Adelines** performed a wonderful Christmas program and we collected a good number of books for Girls, Inc.

 Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year with lots to be thankful for.

 Our next meeting on 5 March at 11:00 will begin with a program from **Jeanne St. Martin Cline.** We are proud to welcome the **Tennessee State President of DKG, Elaine Vaughan**, as our special guest!

 As you know, we will be hosting the **Christmas brunch for Area I** this year. We have a venue, a date, and entertainment already lined up. The members of the steering committee are:

 *Joy Branham, Chair*

 *Jeanne Cline*

 *Pat Cox*

 *LaMerle Francisco*

 *Brenda Moriarty*

 *Debi Pelow*

 *Laura Wicker*

If you have any ideas, suggestions, or information, please do not hesitate to talk to any of the committee members.

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

***LaMerle Francisco***

**Iota Chapter Officers 2020-2022**

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***Next meeting 11:00 AM, March 5th, at Press Room***

 Our first Spring meeting program will be given by **Jeanne Cline** and will have a Mardi Gras theme! Come prepared to be entertained! **Hostess Group 1** is in charge. We will also be voting on a slate of officers for the coming biennium. See you there!



***Highlights of Our December Meeting—***

* **Sweet Adelines** sang
* Members brought new books to donate to Girls, Inc.
* 17 members attended
* Tentative plans were made and committee formed for the **Area I Brunch scheduled for December 10th**. First Presbyterian Church was decided on as the venue, with contact being made by **Florence Godat.**

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

 **LEARN** is a free, go at your own pace, website from **Children’s Literacy Initiative** that provides educators with a comprehensive, expanding and research-based resource to read about, watch, and discuss the best practices for comprehensive early literacy instruction.  For further information go to ***CLI.org***.

***Order of the Rose—***

 If we are going to nominate an Iota sister for Order of the Rose for 2022, the completed **form MUST be in by March 15th!**  This is very late to be thinking about it, I know. We have so many outstanding members to choose from if we want to nominate someone this year. The past couple of years were really unusual! We didn’t have an official nominee for 2021, but we did honor **our 2020 Order of the Rose member Joan Holt** at the convention in Nashville last summer.

 Email your nominee’s name to LaMerle or to me before the March meeting, if possible. If not, come prepared to present your candidate at the meeting. **We have a chapter full of outstanding women and we need to recognize them.**

 We have had several members who have received the Order of the Rose over the years:

2006 Val Manley

2008 Marie Hunter

2013 Pat Cox

2014 Linda Fontaine

2015 Sue Fischer

2016 Rosemary Smith

2017 Brenda Moriarty

2018 Joy Branham

2019 Jane Bowlin

2020 Joan Holt

***Workshop Proposal for Convention Due March 1st—***

 I’m hoping that we will be represented at the **Tennessee State Convention at Sewanee** this year by a workshop presenter from Iota! **Val Manley** had agreed to present a workshop on her trip to Africa and our sponsorship of children at the **Allamano School.** Due to the pandemic, Val’s presentation was postponed, but we’re hoping that she will step up and represent us at the Convention this year! We are so proud of you, Val, and what you have accomplished. This is an encouragement to re-submit that workshop proposal—go to <https://www.tndkg.org/tnso-state-convention> to access the form.

 Now that’s Val, but **we have a chapter filled with sisters who have done incredible things and need to share that with other DKG members.** Just think about projects that you did at school or at church or in other organizations. All of you have been vital, active, incredible women! The workshops cover a wide range of topics. Right now, on the Tennessee State DKG website, the list of *virtual* workshops covers a full spectrum of interests: Zentangle Valentine; Impact of Water on Education; Living with Chronic Illness; Christmas Crafting, Thanksgiving Instant Pot; Good Neighbor Award; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Professional Liability; Bears from Washcloths; Migrating Monarch Butterflies; Google Docs; Basics of Excel; Creative Canva, among others! So you see, **workshops aren’t limited to classrooms.** Everybody here has interests, abilities, and experiences that can interest and be of benefit to your DKG sisters!

 The workshops at Tennessee State are only about 45 minutes long, so it’s not as if you are committed to a huge undertaking. Examine all the things you have done that you would enjoy sharing with others. We all have passions that need to be shared!

***Election of Officers for New Biennium—***

 It’s hard to believe that this biennium is almost at its end! LaMerle and all our other hardworking officers and committee chairs have been incredible at tiptoeing through the mine field of the pandemic and finding creative ways to make our Iota life meaningful. Our election of officers for the 2022-2024 biennium will take place at our March meeting, with installation at the April meeting.

 Thank you to all the members who have agreed to take on responsible positions for the new biennium! Thank you, also, to all the Iota members who have served with faithfulness in the preceding biennia! We are blessed in this chapter.

***Call for New Members—***

 We need new Iota sisters! Come prepared to propose a new member to our group! Invite her to a meeting so she can see what we have to offer. **Membership is the responsibility of everyone!**