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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***

 We had a very good turnout at our October meeting. It was nice to see so many ladies in attendance, some we haven’t seen in a while. Let’s hope our November meeting will have a good turn out, too. We had a nice program about spotting health insurance scams presented by **Jobe and Pearson Insurance Agency**. Thank you to **Mary Shortt** for setting that up.

 Our plans for the Area I brunch are coming together nicely. A BIG thank you to **Jeanne Cline** for her donation of gold table runners and magnolia leaves to go with her nutcracker collection as table decorations. It is going to look beautiful.

 Our next meeting will be **Saturday, November 5th at 11:00 am in the Press Room at Food City.** Members should bring items for the **Safe House** shelter. **Hostess group #4** will provide table decorations and the inspiration.

**Debi Pelow**

*Iota President*

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***Next meeting 11:00 AM, November 5th, at the Press Room—***

 Hostess Group

#4 is in charge.

Please bring personal

items for the Safe

House.

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

* Owners of Jobe and Pearson Insurance Agency talked about *“ Selecting the Best Care for Your Family While Watching Out for Scams.”*
* Worked on more plans for Area I Brunch—it’s coming along!
* Members brought items to donate to Roosevelt School.
* New member Sue Otwell was welcomed to Iota Chapter!

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

 The Sullivan County School system is offering spring classes in **Professional Development and Cohorts.**

 Cohorts are yearlong professional development opportunities with up to 18 credit hours available. Sessions offer instruction in a variety of focus areas from PreK-2 Math to Guidance, to Music/Chorus, etc. **Meetings are both site based and online.** For registration information go to [www.sullivank12.net/professional-development](http://www.sullivank12.net/professional-development)

***Virtual Legislative Forum* (Report from Joy Branham)*—***

 On October 20th, I participated online in the TNSOVirtual Legislative Forum. Meeting by Zoom has become a necessary way of conducting business during the pandemic, but it also has provided another way of involving more people than would have been possible before. Historically, our legislative forum has been held in February, and one is certainly scheduled for then, but it was thought a good idea to hold a special Forum before the elections, also. This Forum specifically addressed the four constitutional amendments on the ballot this year.

1. Makes it illegal to deny employment to any person either because he has or has not joined a labor union.
2. Clarifies succession to office if the Governor is incapacitated.
3. Prohibits slavery in any form (this is specifically aimed at prisons who have worked inmates without compensation).
4. Deletes the article which bars ministers and priests from holding office.

The Forum was an hour long and can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tsho2ykxuhU> You can even see me holding forth at the very end! This time it was on the proposal to require third-graders to fail a grade if they don’t pass a reading test. And I urge you to research your representative’s voting record at <https://capitol.tn.gov/> I have a feeling you’re in for some surprises.