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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 Message***

 I hope you have had a nice holiday season and got through the winter with good health.  I have completed my chemotherapy treatments and am getting my health back.  Spring is right around the corner and I am looking forward to warmer weather.

 Our next meeting will be on Saturday, March 4, at 11:00. **We will be collecting donations for Isaiah House.**  **Hostess Group #6** will be responsible for table decorations and the inspiration.

**Debi Pelow**

Iota President

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***March Meeting March 4th, 11:00 at Press Room—***

 After a long winter break we’ll be meeting for our first spring get-together on Saturday, March 4th. Brunch will cost $13.00. Reservations need to be turned in to your Hostess Chair ASAP! Jane needs to get that to Food City the first of the week.

 We are collecting donations for Isaiah House to benefit children and young people who have been removed from dangerous or untenable home situations. They are asking for the following:

* Monetary gifts
* Gift cards
* Adult size male and female pajamas & clothes (only new)
* Teen size male and female pajamas & clothes (only new)
* Jeans in all sizes (only new)
* Underwear all sizes (only new)
* Socks all sizes (only new)
* **No used items please**



***Highlights of Our December Area I Brunch—***

* Sixty members from chapter in Area I gathered at First Presbyterian for a joint celebration, the first one since Covid hit. The last time we hosted an Area I brunch was 2014. It was our turn!
* Entertainment by the Sweet Adelines and author Jack Stallard.
* Special guests TNSO president Elaine Vaughan, past-president Beverly Hall-Maughan, and Area I director Pam Egeler.

***Updating Our Dropped Members List—***

 DKG is asking for help in cleaning up our Dropped Members list. Most of these are people I don’t even know, so that means they’ve been dropped a long, long time. **The object is to identify former members who have died or moved away or who are incapacitated with dementia, etc., and will be very unlikely to reinstate**.

 Look at this list and see if you can help! **If there are women who are your friends, then ask them if they would consider rejoining Iota Chapter**. If you know of anyone on the list who has died, etc., then let me or Beth Gilbert know. Thanks for the help!

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| Abbott | Verna |
| Alvis | Carol |
| Ashby | Donna |
| Bachelder | Celia |
| Ballinger | B |
| Beavers | Joyce |
| Bedford | Casey |
| Bennett | Helen |
| Bloomer | Mary |
| Bloomer | Phyllis |
| Bradley | Lina |
| Bridwell | Jean |
| Brooks | Patsy |
| Brumit | Janet |
| Burch | Carolyn |
| Butler | Kathie |
| Cameron | Penny |
| Campbell | Patty |
| Caperton | Kaye |
| Carriger | Sharon |
| Carroll | Kathy |
| Carter | Trois |
| Carver | Georgia |
| Carver | Rebecca |
| Castille | Belinda |
| Cave | Toni |
| Chadwell | Susan |
| Charles | Jessie |
| Chiles | Marilyn |
| Clevinger | Vicki |
| Collins | Judy |
| Colmery | Ursula |
| Combs | Charlene |
| Cox | Sherry |
| Crowe | Wilma |
| Currie | Sarah |
| Darden | Judy |
| Darnell | Linda |
| Davis | Georgia |
| Deakins | Betty |
| Denny | Aneita |
| Derrick | Alice |
| Dickison | Anna |
| Dingus | Sarah |
| Donaldson | Brenda |
| Dotson | Angela |
| Dykes | Teresa |
| Easley | Mary |
| Edwards | Joan |
| Elliott | Sara |
| Evans | Marilyn |
| Faulkner | Mary |
| Fletcher | Margaret |
| Ford | Dicey |
| France | Lissa |
| Frost | Rita |
| Fugate | Donna |
| Geno | Inda |
| Greenwell | A. |
| Guinn | Tarah |
| Gullion | Regina |
| Hagen | Marcy |
| Hale | Mary |
| Hames | Rebecca |
| Harris | Carolyn |
| Harris | Patricia |
| Harrison | Geraldine |
| Harrison | Janie |
| Hernandez | Marisol |
| Hobbs | Linda |
| Hopkins | Pamala |
| Hopkins | Shirley |
| Howell | Rose |
| Hughes | Lacy |
| Hyder | Betty |
| Hyder-Hall | Martha |
| Jackson | Nancy |
| Johnson | Marday |
| Jones | Patricia |
| Kerns | Wanda |
| Kilgore | Brenda |
| Lambert | Frankie |
| Lane | Bette |
| Larkins | Jan |
| Lawson | Cheryl |
| Lee | Cheryl |
| Leinaar | Anne |
| Lewis | Linda |
| Litz | Katie |
| Lively | Brenda |
| Loggins | Jane |
| Marlow | Shelby |
| Mayberry | Wanda |
| Mc Call | Jan |
| Mc Clelland | Katherine |
| Mc Kamey | Diane |
| Mc Kee | Sarah |
| Mc Nabb | Susan |
| Metcalf | Penny |
| Miller | Sharon |
| Moody | Barbara |
| Moore | Dorothy |
| Moore | Jean |
| Morrison | Josephine |
| Mowell | Betty |
| Neyland | Anne |
| O Dell | Rachel |
| O Neill | Betty |
| Osborne | Pamela |
| Overbay | Annette |
| Owens | Katharine |
| Oxley | Ruth |
| Parsons | Patricia |
| Pendleton | Priscilla |
| Peters | Joyce |
| Peterson | Norma |
| Reed-Wright | Karen |
| Reid | Ruby |
| Rice | Cheryl |
| Rich | Karen |
| Richards | Lou |
| Richards | Teresa |
| Richmond | Janie |
| Riggs | Debbie |
| Rigsby | Mary |
| Robinette | R |
| Sanders | Barbara |
| Scalf | Kimberly |
| Schneider | Donna |
| Seto | Jackie |
| Smith | M |
| Snow | Virginia |
| Snyder | Freda |
| Sorrells | Suzanne |
| Spadafino | Sharon |
| Sparks-Smith | Kay |
| Stafford | Charlotte |
| Stamper | Jann |
| Straley | Diane |
| Sutton | Becky |
| Taylor | Jackie |
| Thomas | Sue |
| Tomlinson | Margaret |
| Trapp | Cathy |
| Turner | Cathy |
| Vance | Nancy |
| Vauahn | Mary |
| Vaughn | Sherre |
| Wagner | Yvonne |
| Waltner | Linda |
| Watson | Mary |
| Werstlein | Gail |
| Whitt | Brenda |
| Wilhoit | Lynda |
| Wilkinson | Tina |
| Williams | Patricia |
| Williamson | Ruth |
| Wilson | Jennifer |
| Wiseman | Barbara |
| Wright | Sylvia |

***Updating Your Contact Information—***

 We need to get our chapter contact info current! I know that people change their emails and phone numbers all the time (except me!), so we really need to be kept in the loop! Please send your updated information—address, email, phone numbers—to me, Debi, and Beth. Debi and Beth can update them at the national level, and I can update them on our chapter roster and mailing list.

 Speaking of emails, these keep bouncing back as undeliverable--**Mary Kiser, Hannah Guinn and Wanda McLellan**. Send me a valid one, please! And DKG requests **NO SCHOOL EMAILS!** Too many times the server identifies group emails to school addresses as spam. We aren’t spam!

***Information From Our Professional Growth Committee—***

 Right now our country is experiencing a high rate of teacher burnout causing individuals to leave the profession and resulting in a national teacher shortage.  Kingsport City Schools have found that **educators who are in crisis need to figure out how to create safe and supportive relationships and work climates.**   For more information on one such resource go to <https://fueledschools.org/for-schools?utm_term=workshop> .

***High School Essay Contest—***

 Iota chapter has one entry in the state essay contest this year. **Emily Neal from Dobyns-Bennett** has submitted a paper on the question of *“What is a challenge you have overcome and how did you grow from this experience?”*

***Deadline for Order of the Rose—***

March 15—**Order of the Rose**. We didn’t nominate anyone last year. Our last honored member was Joan Holt in 2020. Think hard about Iota members who are worthy of this award and don’t need to be overlooked!

 These are honorees from our chapter:

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

***TNSO Convention at Sewanee—***

 It’s not too early to get your

reservation in for the state convention at University of the South at Sewanee! I can’t emphasize enough how valuable that weekend is with all the contacts made, information gleaned, and just plain pleasure gained. I have already sent in my reservation and have requested a double room, so if anybody needs a roommate I’m available! Information is all on the TNSO website.

***Legislative Crisis—***

 Tennessee has a school problem on its hands. It is apparent to any teacher or former teacher that Tennessee public schools are under attack. There is a concerted effort at the State house **to cut funds from public schools and divert it to private schools**, most of which are not held to the same standards and oversight as are public schools.

 Not only is this battle, which has been being fought for years, still going on, but there are a couple of new ones. The law which is making the **retention of something like 75% of third graders because of failing scores on one reading test** is going to wreak havoc with our school system and with a lot of children’s lives.

 And then there is the proposal to **not accept federal money for schools** so that we can “educate our kids the Tennessee way" makes the hair stand up on my head!  That means we go back to the 19th century.  I know that the federal government oversteps its bounds in education a lot, but I also know what the school system would be if the federal government didn't step in and demand that the states do things that they wouldn't willingly do.  We have integration because the federal government demanded it.  We have programs for disabled children because the federal government demanded it.  We have equality for girls (mostly!) because Title IX demands it.  **None of that came from the state.**

 **PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS AND DEMAND THAT THEY STAND UP FOR TENNESSEE CHILDREN! And then follow up on how they vote!**

**A Little Humor From the Classroom!**

 ***On the last day of the year, my first graders gave me beautiful handwritten letters. As I read them aloud, my emotions got the better of me, and I started to choke up.***

 ***“I’m sorry,” I said. “I’m having a hard time reading.”***

 ***One of my students said, “Just sound it out.”***