

Alpha Beta Chapter Announces Activities for the Year by Carol Hughes

On September 10, the Alpha Beta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at Roanoke United Methodist Church. Marianne Hall (Dwight) opened the meeting with a memorial service for Delight Wier, an honorary Alpha Beta member, who taught music, wrote a column for the *Prairie Farmer*, and gained a reputation as an inspirational speaker and author.

New president Barb Baumann (Minonk) thanked Marcia Wahls (Lexington) and Sue Coons (Dana) for preparing this year's yearbooks and Lou Ann Jacobs for continuing to produce the chapter newsletter.

Various committees gave reports. Michelle Harms (Pontiac) announced that all meetings beginning with November will be held in Pontiac. Hostess chairs will need to call Edinger's or Pontiac Kitchen 4-6 weeks before the meetings to confirm menus.

The chapter received an invitation from Beta Iota Chapter in Bloomington to join them on October 13 to hear Kendra Smiley, noted speaker and author from central Illinois who stresses "making the next right choice."

Program Chair Nancy Wier (Eureka) reported that the committee had two meetings in the summer and have arranged for a variety of interesting programs—some of which will offer PD's to active teachers.

Legislative Chair Lou Ann Jacobs (Normal) encouraged all to vote in November. She had registration forms available for the annual state Legislative Seminar to be held at The Public Library of Springfield on November 12.

Women in the Arts Chair Bert Kinate (Forrest) invited members to attend the annual Creative Arts Retreat on October 7-9 at the Lorado Taft Campus in Oregon. She announced that the Livingston County Concert Association has 4 concerts scheduled for a \$50 fee. Bloomington BCPA has many programs including the Oak Ridge Boys. The Village Aires holiday program, directed by member Elaine Cunningham (Minonk), will be November 19-20.

Shirley Mueser (Roanoke) shared about the informative and inspirational time she and Carol Hughes (Roanoke) enjoyed at the Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention held in July at the Gaylord Opryland Resort in Nashville. Forty-five Illinois members attended. Since Carol was elected to serve as the 2016-2018 Northeast Regional Director, they stayed a day longer in Nashville so she could meet with the International Administrative Board.

The next meeting will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Fairbury on Tuesday, October 11, at 5:30 pm. After a "hobo supper," LouAnn Harms and Sue Coons will share the history of informational quilts and how they were made.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is an honor society that promotes the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. The Society has chapters in 17 countries and serves 76,000 members by providing grants for educational projects, scholarships, leadership training, mentoring, and global networking opportunities. For more information, visit the website at www.dkg.org or call Carol Hughes at 309-923-7370.



Photo: Opening the Alpha Beta Chapter meeting are President Barb Baumann (Minonk) and Marianne Hall (Dwight).



Photo: Carol Hughes and Shirley Mueser enjoy the evening at the Wildhorse Saloon in Nashville. A portion of their tickets went to the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation. From the 550 attendees \$41,000 was raised for the Foundation.