

Alpha Beta Chapter Focuses on Upcoming Meetings by Carol Hughes

On September 9, the Alpha Beta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at Edinger's Filling Station in Pontiac.

The chapter will again advertise the state Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant and the Alpha Beta Recruitment Grant. At the May meeting college student Ashley Vollmer, Cornell, was recognized for receiving the 2017 Cook grant for \$2,000 and Prairie Central High School graduate Kylie Miller, Cropsey, was awarded the Alpha Beta Grant for \$200.

President Barb Baumann (Minonk) thanked Marcia Wahls (Lexington) for preparing this year's yearbooks and Lou Ann Jacobs for continuing to produce the chapter newsletters. She also thanked everyone for their support, encouragement, attendance, and consideration of an office or committee chair for the next biennium.

Program Chair Nancy Wier (Eureka) reported that programs came together well after the summer committee meetings. Future chapter meetings will feature zentangle instruction, global health trends, sustainable farming, discussion of the book *Wonder*, a game to determine if members are "smarter than a fifth grader", and a hands-on program featuring STEM classroom activities. Many programs will offer PD's for professional development.

Louann Harms (Fairbury), Membership Chair, shared a checklist to see how the chapter promotes membership. Also there was a discussion of meeting ideas that would appeal more to teachers who are at the beginning of their careers.

Women in the Arts Chair Bert Kinate (Forrest) encouraged members to attend the annual state Creative Arts Retreat on October 6-8 at the Lorado Taft Campus in Oregon. She announced that the Livingston County Concert Series in Pontiac is an affordable opportunity to hear great music.

Lou Ann Jacobs (Normal) announced there will be no Legislative Seminar in Springfield this year.

The next meeting will be on October 10 with a dinner at 5:30 pm at Edinger's Filling Station. Lisa Zimmer of Eureka will present a program on Essential Oils which aid in health and wellness.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (DKG) is an organization for key women educators that promotes professional and personal growth and excellence in education. The Society has chapters in 17 countries and serves over 71,000 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 contact Carol Hughes at chughes@mtco.com or 309-923-7370.



Photo: Marylee Harms (left) and Karen Harms (far right) of Fairbury congratulate Kylie Miller, recipient of the Alpha Beta Recruitment Grant and Ashley Vollmer, recipient of the State Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant.