

Alpha Beta Chapter Learns About Using Chrome Books in the Classroom

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The Alpha Beta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at the Family Kitchen Restaurant in Pontiac on February 11.

Member Jessica Lawson, third grade teacher at Davenport School in Eureka, presented the program, "Going One-to-One". Jessica who has a master's degree in technology said that elementary teachers today are preparing students for 65 per cent of jobs not even thought of today. Chrome books in the classroom have replaced i-Pads that were used in the past. Many resources like SAMR are available online to aid the teacher. I Love Google is also a very user friendly "landing spot" for teachers and students. With chrome books the teacher can reach different levels of learning at the same time among the children in her class. But also she can teach a lesson to the whole class.

Pres. Barbara Baumann (Minonk) encouraged members to attend the Lambda State Convention on April 21-23 at the Hotel Frontenac in St. Louis. She is seeking volunteers for the chapter table at the bazaar which will sell chances on two quilts along with collections of gift cards. The Lambda State Literacy Committee is collecting board books. Members should bring the books and gift cards to the March meeting.

A note was read from Margaret Hawkins thanking the chapter for its contribution of 50 books to the Aunt Mary Storybook Project. Mothers and grandmothers who are incarcerated at the Logan Correctional Center in Lincoln read and record books for their children or grandchildren, and the book and CD is then sent to the child. Over the years Alpha Beta has delivered hundreds of books to the Dwight and Logan Correctional Centers.

Membership Chair Louann Harms (Fairbury) announced the yearly project of awarding 4 grants of \$100 each to early career educators. Members are distributing the forms to non-tenured teachers in local schools. Deadline for applications is March 15.

Lou Ann Jacobs highlighted legislative issues at the state and federal levels. She reported that Senate Bill 11 (Tier 1 pension proposal) was defeated. She urged members to call and send personalized form letters to their legislators and members of Congress. Also, it is important to thank legislators who support an issue.

Vice-President Nancy Wier (Eureka) passed forms to current teachers who wish to receive professional development hours (PD's). On the form teachers need to include their IEIN (Illinois Educator Identification Number).

The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Pontiac on Tuesday, March 14, at 5:30 pm. Toni Tucker, Director of the Ewing Cultural Center, will present the program, "Hazle Buck Ewing: Her Life, Her Legacy". Hazle Buck Ewing's interests were in conservation, women's suffrage, international cultural pursuits, and world peace. Her legacy continues even today to inspire others to give back to their communities. PD's will be available.

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 almost 75,000 members by providing scholarships, leadership training, mentoring, and global networking opportunities for women. For more information, visit the website at www.dkg.org or call Carol Hughes at 309-923-7370.



Pictured in photo: Program presenter Jessica Lawson (East Peoria) shares ideas with Michelle Harms (Pontiac) and Kate Walter (Cullom) who also use chrome books in their classrooms.