



Alpha Delta Chapter
Secretary's Notes

February 8-May 1, 2020

Host: Kathy O'Leary

Present:

Kris, Liz, Kathy, Patty, Barbara, Cecile, Michelle, Caroline, Nancy, Debra, Yvonne, and special guest Area VII Liaison, Garrel Lindberg

On February 8th we enjoyed a delicious brunch at the Jefferson Park Golf Course Clubhouse on Beacon Hill in Seattle.

King County Breakfast at the Seattle Tennis Club on March 14, 2020—cancelled due to Covid19.

But our chapter was ready and organized—thank you Kathy, Michelle, and Debra for volunteering to arrive early to hold up signs. Kris sent out all of the e-mail invitations and flyers to the State Exec Board Members, Past Presidents, and other invited guests. Breakfast meal choices all recorded.

Donations for our Chapter raffle basket (\$50) collected for delivery to Loveday.

Spring State Convention April 24-25 (Red Lion, Olympia) April 24-25, 2020 cancelled in response to Washington State Social Distancing orders.

DKG Washington State Literacy Project, 2020

Joann Vining is our WA State Literacy Project Coordinator. Michelle and Cecile created a wonderful tri-fold board which we may be able to share at Fall Board in Yakima, or at the State Convention in Olympia next spring.

DKG Washington State Executive Board Meeting April 25, 2020 12:30-3:00 pm via Zoom.

I attended this meeting, along with Loveday, and have added Notes of Interest to our Chapter at the end of our Chapter news. I am sure that full minutes of this meeting will be available on the WA State website.

*******MEMBERSHIP**

It was a treat to see so many of you at our brunch. It was a great opportunity to get to know everyone better.

We plan to initiate our newest new member, Charlotte Wallstrom at our next 'in person' Chapter meeting.

Our Chapter would have been honored at the Spring State Convention with an award for our 70 year anniversary as a chapter! Garrel Lindberg sent us a congratulatory certificate which I have attached.

*******TREASURER'S REPORT—Michelle**

Account Balances @ Edward Jones:	7/1/2019	3/31/2020 Update
Alpha Delta Scholarship Fund =	\$4, 467.45	\$3,745.70
Huseby Fund =	\$10, 224.83	\$9,696.15

Gasparovich Fund = \$7, 636. 35 \$6,052,48

Operating Funds @ Home Street Bank = \$518.21 \$323.88

DUES for the coming 2020-21 year (one year only) will be \$90.00 for Active Members and \$36.00 for Reserve Members.

Our Co-Presidents and Treasurer reached the decision to decrease dues for Active members to take into account that the King County Breakfast was not held and so money remained in our operating funds that will be used to pay for the breakfast next March, 2021. We still need a contribution for operating funds, so that amount is included in our dues.

Active Members: \$40 (Int'l) + \$40 (State) + \$1 (State Scholarship) = \$81 + \$9 (Alpha Delta Chap) = \$90

Reserve Members: \$20 (Int'l) + \$15 (State) + \$1 (State Scholarship) = \$36

Mail your check for dues to:

Michelle Kirwin 12106 Big Leaf Way N.E., Redmond, WA 98053

*******CHAPTER OFFICERS**—Kathy and Caroline, Nominating Committee

We need to submit our Chapter Officers to International and WA State, preferably not later than June.

Under current circumstance we have permission to vote at our next 'in person' meeting in August or September if our Chapter Rules do not allow email voting.

Alpha Delta Rules do allow email voting, and after much discussion, Kathy O'Leary, Michelle, and I felt it might help our chapter not to change officers and committees at this time of uncertainty. It would not be an easy time for us to train members to take over our jobs. We are interested to know the feelings of our membership about this—please send your comments to Kathy—any of us are happy to gracefully step down if someone would like to take an office. It would also be helpful to have a secretary for the remainder of the current term: 2020-21. Otherwise, we would like to work out a transition to new leadership for the following two years, 2022-24.

*******CALENDAR**

Our next Chapter meeting was scheduled for June 6 at Loveday's.

We have decided that it would be wise to cancel this meeting, since most of our members are vulnerable and those who are not are fully engaged in the interesting and memorable experience of distance-teaching & learning.

********Presidents' Message***

I spent 4 weeks distance teaching 80+ 6th graders when my substitute teaching job went online. Now I am journeying through Kindergarten with my grandson Zaven, when all he really wants is his classroom, his teachers, and his friends. I know that even our students who would be the first to say they didn't like school now miss all of these as well.

As an educator I am encouraged by all of the ways in which members of our community are helping each other, and teachers are supporting students in this new challenge of distance learning with the message that together, we can do this. As I often reminded my 6th Graders—be awake—when things do not go as expected, you are about to learn something new. I think a lot about how school practices and classrooms may be changed by these events, and may look different in the future. I wish all of you good health both physically and mentally. As I am forced to enter the modern world of technology with Zoom meetings

and Google classrooms, I appreciate the fellowship of our Chapter gatherings even more, and I hope that we will have an opportunity to meet in person again in the fall.

~ Kris

DKG Washington State Executive Board

April 25, 2020 1:00-3:00 Electronic Conference

Items of Interest to Alpha Delta ... email Kris with questions

Treasurer Patricia Russell re Scholarship donations

We were not able to contribute at the Spring State Convention. Chapters or individuals who wish to donate scholarship money can find forms on the DKG Washington website:

‘Washington Contribution Form’

‘Rachel Royston Scholarship’ Donation Form (linked to the Rachel Royston page)

Print and fill out the forms and send with a check.

Dues collection may begin now—members should mail dues to their Chapter Treasurer. Do not feel pressure to meet the June 30 due date—Treasurer has until September 30.

Executive Secretary Paula Nichols re Upcoming Events:

International Convention July 9-11, 2020 Philadelphia, PA—A decision will be made in mid-May about whether this convention will take place in person, or possibly virtually.

Funds not used by Area Liaisons for Travel/Workshops that did not take place during the Covid19 shutdown will be used for travel grants for the International Convention. Interested members should email Paula Nichols with their address and cell number so that she may contact you. To learn more about this event, watch the video on the DKG International website. Apply by June 1, 2020.

Rainbow Lodge leadership Retreat June 23-25, 2020 has been canceled, with no loss incurred.

Fall Executive Board, Red Lion Yakima, WA September 25-26 (F-S), 2020—a decision will be made by mid-July whether this convention will take place in person, or possibly virtually.

Spring State Convention, Red Lion Olympia, WA April 30-May 1 (F-S-Su), 2021

Fall Executive Board, Red Lion Yakima, WA October 2-3 (s-Su), 2021

Spring State Convention Red Lion Olympia, WA May 13-15 (F-S-Su), 2022

Chapter Officers for 2020-2022

If Chapter rules do not allow for email voting for selection of officers for 2020-22, votes may be conducted by telephone, or Chapters may elect to vote at their first Fall meeting: August or September.

Chapter Presidents need to go to the DKG International website, locate and complete Form 110 (Chapter Officers for 2020-2022) and submit a copy to International, a copy to Susan Fritts (DKG Washington President, and a copy to Paula Nichols (DKG Washington Exec Sec)—Kris will do.

President Susan Fritts

Convention reports and newsletter will be available online

Events not held at the Spring 2020 Convention EG Celebration of Life and Installation of Chapter Presidents, etc. may be done at the Fall Exec Board.

Pat Bennet-Forman (1st VP)

We would have experienced a great Spring Convention! Fortunately, we did not incur a financial penalty because the decision was made to hold the Spring Convention in Olympia in both 2021 and 2022, to make up for cancelling this year. Many of the presenters scheduled to be here this year will be able to come to Yakima in the fall or to Olympia next spring. We are looking forward to a good workshop in 2021.