

DKG Agenda

Virtual Meeting Date: December 5, 2020

Call to Order: Welcome and Introduction: 9:40 am

Past Presidents: Claire Swanson, Cathy Cleenput, Debbie Hoeflinger, Jan Paxton, Cindy Sokoloff

Inspirational Thought: Megan Connolly offered an inspirational poem in Kim Heilig's absence. Kim arrived at the meeting later and offered additional words of inspiration.

Business Meeting:

Review of past minutes: (October 2020) *Correction to be made to the title of World Fellowship and Schools for Africa as two different entities. Noted and will be corrected in the next set of minutes. Motion to accept minutes Cindy Sokoloff, second Laura Perrius.

Secretary (correspondence): Evelyn Oberndorf- none

Treasurer: Cathy Cleenput – treasurer's report and budget. Cathy thanked several members who have generously contributed one "consolidated checked" for our programs of work and contributions. These contributions would have been collected at each meeting. Your contribution can be earmarked to specific causes or Cathy can distribute the funds equally among our causes which include: World Fellowship, Golden Gift(?), Schools For Africa and Scholarship Fund (Grant-in-Aide)

Cathy had sent out the following letter. In the event you cannot find the email or need Cathy's address please note it below.

Dear Alpha Sisters,

This will be an unusual year for everyone, and for our organization. Throughout the years during our meetings, you have been extremely generous to our Grant-in Aid scholarship, Schools for Africa and four International Funds. Sadly, we don't foresee meeting in person this year but would like to continue supporting these endowments. But if each sister could afford to donate anywhere from \$25-\$35 we can continue with our philanthropist initiatives. This would be a one-time donation for the year.

PayPal links

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Cathy Cleenput

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Cathy will also continue to pay our liability insurance coverage (John Dunleavy Insurance Agency?) if and when we return to in-person meetings at various meeting halls and venues.

President's Report: Megan Connolly

Megan also reviewed the excellent Leadership Conference attended in September that focused on self-care, goal setting and not overextending ourselves, causing more stress in these already stressful times.

She also shared the breathing technique of 3-4-5; breathe in for a count of 3, hold for a count of 4, and exhale for a count of 5.

Let's all remember to be as kind to ourselves as we try to be with others

Some historical files were reviewed, and discussion ensued as to how to manage their recording and storage. Megan requested an Ad hoc committee to be formed to scan and upload the files to a digital platform for storage. Emily Hoeflinger, Cathy Cleenput and Claire Swanson volunteered to help Theresa Messineo (Historian Chair) to scan the materials.

Megan ended with a "homework assignment" : **here's a little homework assignment...** Ask yourself: "Why did I join DKG?" I'd love to hear your answers. Please send me an email (lbimegs@yahoo.com) with your response of 2 or 3 sentences - perhaps it will be featured in the State Newsletter!

Next State meeting is Jan 9

Society's Business

Membership: Laura Perrius
No new members have been brought forward

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No new business

Scholarship: Laura Perrius
Laura reminded everyone the deadline for Scholarship applications is December 15. Scholarships are awarded for professional growth endeavors, State and or International functions or other scholarly pursuits.

Program report: Theresa Messineo
Mary Harrop Alaskan fisherwoman presented an amazing slideshow of her life as a salmon fisher in the waters off the coast of Alaska. Mary's presentation kicked off our "strong women series". A wonderful quote from Mary spoke volumes about women and their role in the world. When asked if she should be called fisherperson or fisherwoman, Mary responded, "You can call me whatever you want, just pay me the same as a man."
Following the presentation Mary had a Q and A.

Grant-in-Aid - Patti Caruso

Convention: Jan Paxton (April 16-18, 2021 - virtual)
Program of Work Red Hawk Pantry: Laura Perrius
Schools for Africa and World Fellowship: Judy Jaeger
President's Book Challenge: Linda Leddy not present
Program: Theresa Messineo Strong Women Series: Mary Harrop: Alaska Salmon Fisherwoman
Motions: Review the motions made in reports. New Business Votes on the motions made earlier
Announcements: • State Meeting • Alpha's next meeting is Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 9:30 (virtual)

New Business- Debbie mentioned that the deadline for Margaret's tribute is January. Cathy will be delivering the tribute at Convention and asked if anyone had personal information about Margaret to please e mail it to her.

We discussed that the end of the biennial and what a shame Ingrid hasn't been able to do much as State President.

Several members have had achievements. Jameelah Wright is in a doctoral program. Helen Allen won a Cub Scout award. Laura Perrius collected 48,000 shoe boxes for charity. Our own President, Megan Connolly won Teacher of the Year in Glen Ridge. Debbie's son-in-law won an award as an Athletic Trainer. Becky is retiring as a field hockey coach. Her daughter is starting the same High School and wants to play field hockey. Laura is taking harp lessons and shared a beautiful rendition of "Amazing Grace." When the pandemic is over, Laura hopes to volunteer in Hospitals and share her beautiful music.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:52.

Theresa Messineo/ Evelyn Oberndorf