

ALPHA IOTA MINUTES

May 3, 2014

The Alpha Iota chapter of DKG/PSI state met at 10:00 am at the Georgia State Archives in Morrow for a tour of the archives and its functions. The group's tour was led by Kayla Barrett, Assistant Director for Archival Services. We learned this is the four state archives for Georgia. The first state archives was in the state capital building. In 1918 Rhodes Hall on Peachtree Street held the archives until 1965 when the "Ice Cube" building held the archives until cracks discovered in the building's foundation caused the archives to be located to the one presently holding the state archives. There is a conservator on staff since May 2013. When you register at the archives, your registration is good for five years. Pens are not allowed in the archives-only pencils, flash drives, no flash on cameras and cell phones must be on vibrate.

Kayla took us to various areas inside the archives including a library area. There many historical books are kept for research. There is even a card catalogue with names of historical importance are kept (Laura Michelle found one of her ancestors listed in one of the catalogues). Kayla also took us to the room where items coming into the archives must be cleaned and checked for mold or insects before going into the archives. The tour took more than an hour when the group realized we needed to get to our meeting area. We thanked Kayla and left for the parking area and proceeded to Morrow Methodist Church for lunch and our regular meeting.

Upon arrival at the church Anita Thomaston, AI president, led us in our inspiration – a poem entitled "Tell the Children". Then after giving a blessing, we ate a wonderful lunch prepared by Blondine's.

The next item on the agenda was the installation of officers for 2014-2016 biennium. Anita led in the installing: Laura Michelle Woods as president, Cheryl Goff and Deborah Bhanjirow as co-vice presidents, Kathy Acree, recording secretary, Debra Anderson, treasurer, Anita Thomaston as corresponding secretary, and Bonnie Strohm continuing as parliamentarian with the previous officers from the 2012 – 2014 biennium participating with their respective counterparts.

According to Debra Anderson, there have been no communications since February, 2014. Merry Greenwood has moved to Florida and Anita suggested Alpha Iota do something for her since she has served as treasurer for at least eight or more years. Anita then reported on the leadership workshop held in March, 2014 where eight of our members participated. Cindy Thompson and Anita took the scarf making class and wanted AI in one of its meetings to learn how to make one. (Cathy Schreiber commented was it easier than the card making class!) While at the leadership workshop Deborah Bhanjirow and Cheryl Goff took the communications class. At the presidents' meeting, Laura Michelle learned about on line tools and websites particularly in how to get the word out about meetings and membership recruitment.

Anita announced Delta Hostel will be held at Callaway Gardens in the fall (October 3-5) and encouraged members to participate. For two nights it will be \$225 per person and one needs to register by September 3rd.

Linda Holcomb suggested we have a special day next year for our reserve members. Donna McDonald is giving \$100 to St. Jude Children's Hospital in memory of Fred Lane for door prizes. It was also suggested we have a literacy project in the future. Leslie Pratschler mentioned the direction education is heading – test based. There is a lack of development and those speaking for education are not always educators but corporations wanting to make money. As individuals and as a group we can talk to people concerning this trend.

Anita had sign-up sheets for decorations, inspiration, door prizes, etc. for 2014-2015. It was announced that one of our own, Cathy Schreiber, has been named Georgia gifted teacher of the year. Linda Holcomb returns to Liberia in October on a mission trip and mentioned our support for the education project there. Laura Michelle, the new president, is having a meeting in the summer at her home (probably after July 24th) to discuss plans for the next biennium. To remind people about meetings it was suggested we have magnets with meeting dates for the next year. It was also suggested we have a scanning party to put the scrapbook on line and possibly donate the scrapbooks to the archives. With that the meeting was adjourned as members made sure the fellowship hall was cleaned up.