

Purses with a Purpose



Tarwana Tarno, Executive Director of the Calvary Refuge Center was thrilled with our donation of over 30 purses, toiletry items, books, and chocolate. The purses were collected and packed at our October sixth chapter meeting. Thank you to everyone who made donations, including Anita Thomaston's daughter, Emily, who made a huge donation. A big thank you to Anita, AI Vice President, for delivering these items.



Grants for Education Majors

Alpha Iota will award four \$50 grants to education majors at Clayton State University to assist with GACE testing requirements. Beverly Garner, Middle Grade Education Coordinator, shared the idea with the Department of Teacher Education at CSU and their sentiments were "Wow! That's great." Ms. Garner suggested that students write an essay, to be submitted to the department chair. A committee of AI members would read the essays and choose the four recipients. Ms. Garner also recommended the grants be awarded in December to assist with tests scheduled to be administered after the first of the year.



Throwback Saturday

We had a blast at our Throwback Saturday chapter meeting on October sixth! Our featured speaker was 50-year DKG member, Virginia Hasty.

Virginia spoke of her experiences in education and the honor she felt when nominated as a member of Alpha Iota. We missed so many of our members and hope you will join us for all the goodies at the silent auction, some friendly competition in a mock reading bowl, and singing Christmas carols on December first.



Alpha Iota voted to sponsor books for three children through the Ferst Foundation of Henry County.



Schools for Africa

Members raised \$53 at the October chapter meeting for schools in Liberia.



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State Executive Board Meeting

Deborah Bhanojirow, Vice President, represented Alpha Iota at the State Executive Board Meeting in Macon. She said the highlight of the meeting was being amazed by the speaker, Aalam. Debbie said, “Aalam is from Afghanistan and her parents live in war-torn Kabul. There is constant bombing and death is just a step away. Each day is a gift from God. Schools are destroyed, and education of girls is not given high priority. Aalam is an exception. She has received a Full Bright scholarship to study Women’s Studies at University of Georgia. DKG has given her a fellowship and she spoke about her experiences and observations which left us in tears.”



Mission Statement

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.



Ticket Sales Begin



Ticket sales for the Reading Bowl Celebration of Champions After Party began at the CCPS Picture Book Reading Bowl on November 3rd. It was fun to see the K-3rd grade students so excited about reading and we had a great time catching up. Thank you, Anita Thomaston, Cindy Thompson, Maureen Keillor, and Cheryl Goff, for volunteering that morning. Volunteers are also needed for the CCPS Helen Ruffin chapter book competition on Saturday, January 26th.

Member News

Maureen Keillor just finished her first semester in the Media program at the University of West Georgia. She qualifies as our first collegiate member! Maureen enjoyed Halloween with her family. Her daughter Jenny and husband Chris dressed as Jennay and Forrest Gump; her son Eddie as Wreck It Ralph, with Vanellope van Schweetz and Fix-It Felix; her son Kevin and family as The Incredibles; and her two adorable granddaughters as the Red Queen and Alice.



Anita Thomaston also enjoyed the holiday with her family, AKA the Paw Patrol. Pictured are her daughter Emily, as Everest; her son-in-law Jimmy, as Ryder; and her granddaughter Stella, as Skye. She dressed as Marshall and made all the costumes except Skye's. Anita is super excited about the new season of Doctor Who, with the lead role finally played by a woman after 55 years. In the photo, she's dressed as the 13th doctor.





Deborah Bhanojirow, Martha Tolcher, and Cheryl Goff recently celebrated their birthdays together with a foot and shoulder massage at a Japanese spa.



Maureen Keillor and Cheryl Goff enjoyed lunch and viewing the Alpha Iota scrapbooks at the Fig Tree Café in Joneboro.

Important Dates

December 1, 2018 - Chapter Meeting and Silent Auction

January 26, 2019 - Chapter book reading bowl - We will sell tickets for the After Party at the celebration in February.

February 2, 2019 - Chapter Meeting and Pot Luck Lunch, **Speaker: Lisa Smith, Clayton County 2018 Business Woman of the Year**

February 4, 2019 - Reading Bowl Celebration and After Party at CCPS PAC, 6:30 pm, **We will need everyone's help with this one!**

February 9, 2019 - Regional Reading Bowl Competition at Clayton State University, volunteers needed as timekeepers, scorekeepers, etc.

April 26 - 28, 2019 - Psi State Convention, Jekyll Island

May 4, 2019 - Chapter Meeting and Tour of Arts Clayton

May 21, 2019 - Pen Pal Reveal Parties

June 27-29, 2019 - SE Regional Conference, Asheville, North Carolina