

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
Idaho State Organization
Eta Chapter

President's Report

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Members of Eta Chapter met in August to plan the programs for the upcoming year. Seven members attended. A meeting template for Chapter meetings was created to ensure inclusion of all important parts of a business meeting. Playing off the State theme of "Draw the Circle Wide," Eta's theme for the year was "Rounding Up."

Throughout the year, meetings opened and closed with the selected collects. Donations for the State Convention Project, the Lincoln County Youth Center, were received at each meeting.

September was our first meeting of the year. The Chapter budget was adopted, news from International and State was shared, and a brief "State of the Chapter" report indicated the loss of members and need to "round up" more teachers who will benefit from membership. We ended with the first portion of the DKG Centennial Celebration video and the DKG Song.

In October, following the business meeting, guests Dr. Melyssa Ferro and Dr. Bethany Schultz presented a program on AI in the classroom, highlighting both the benefits to students and teachers and potential pitfalls.

Eta hosted the November tri-chapter meeting (Eta, Chi, and Kappa), for a visit from State Co-Vice-Presidents Connie Higgs and Karen Stear. They presented the Garden of Roses, a strategy from International to recruit members by holding an informal gathering where potential members can hear about DKG, be invited to local chapter meetings, and find out about programs and projects happening at the local level. Throughout the year, members will contact attendees, invite them to chapter meetings, and keep DKG alive in their thoughts.

Support for the Annie Webb Blanton stamp was encouraged with a sample letter distributed. A memorial plaque for Virginia Moberly was discussed to be presented to Middleton Heights Elementary where she was the first Librarian at the school.

December was a fun night of dinner out and a Blind Book Silent Auction. Funds support our scholarship awarded in the Spring. The recipient of our annual Christmas Jar gift was selected. (This gift is given to a non-member whose family is struggling through a difficult time.)

The Executive Committee met in January over Zoom. This was planned in August, keeping winter weather in mind. We reviewed upcoming due dates and a potential change in our schedule allowing us to invite a local teacher/author to talk to the Chapter about the process of writing and publishing, and the necessity of passionate commitment to teaching in order to weather the many challenges facing teachers today. It was decided to invite her to meetings as a guest, but schedule the program for next year.

Each February we invite someone in the political realm to inform members of legislation in the current legislative session that will have an impact on education in Idaho. This year's speaker was Julie Yamamoto, retired educator and legislator, working on the "Not One Dollar More" campaign.

Our April Meeting included news from International, State (particularly the upcoming State Convention in Ketchum), and Eta Chapter Nominations. The Nominations Committee is unable to prepare a full slate. An Executive Committee Meeting later in the month brainstormed

ways to continue as a Chapter under a “leadership by committee” model, knowing a President is still needed as the contact point. Co-Presidents Becvar and Moberly met with State Co-Presidents Holly Hutchison and Leslie Ward to share ideas.

The May meeting, a no-host dinner at Sunrise Restaurant in Caldwell, ended our year. We accepted the proposed slate of officers, discussed a new committee-led structure, and made plans for an August get-together to kick off next year.