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Cindy's Chinese Coleslaw
Cindy brought this tasty dish to the planning meeting.

Coleslaw Ingredients

1 (16-oz) bag coleslaw mix
1/2 cup sunflower seeds, shelled
1/2 cup sliced almonds
1/2 bunch green onions, chopped
1 (3-oz package Ramen noodles, crushed)

Dressing Ingredients

Whisk these until blended

1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1/4 cup white vinegar
1 seasoning packet from the Ramen noodles

Directions

In a large bowl, mix together all of the coleslaw ingredients. Add the dressing. Toss until evenly distributed. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

GAMMA ALPHA BULLETIN

Presidents' Message



Gamma Alpha Friends,

Summer is in high gear, and I'll admit it feels different this year since I will not be heading back to the classroom in the fall. When the back-to-school sales started the first week of July, that felt entirely too early! Now that August has rolled around, I am fighting the urge to round up a group of friends to hit multiple Target and Meijer locations to help me buy the maximum amount of Crayola Markers (10 sets) on sale for \$1.00. I am enjoying my summer on the few days I have off, and gaining an all new appreciation for all those working parents that don't have the luxury of spending summer with their kids.

Jackie hosted a wonderful luncheon and planning meeting at her home in June. We had a nice turn out and some great discussion. The result of our labors is another fabulous speaker series starting in October with a Michigan author and publisher who prominently features educators as the main characters of his mysteries. In the spring we will have a program about some hidden gems offered by our public libraries, and we'll hear a little more about "herstory" – women in history.

As you are finishing all those books in your summer reading stack, be sure to bring them to our used book and media sale in September. And don't forget a souvenir of your summer adventures! Please feel free to use our Vacation Auction as just the excuse you need to justify a getaway!

The registration materials are now available for the Fall Workshop which will be held September 28 & 29. Once again it is in Midland at the fabulous H Hotel. Space is limited so please reserve your rooms early. Last time we were in Midland, there was a very impressive farmers' market taking place in the park directly behind the hotel on Saturday morning. I recommend checking it out! They will be open again this year from 7:00 am - 1:00 pm. The farmers' market also accepts debit and credit cards.

I was excited to learn Irene Miller will be our keynote speaker at the Fall Workshop. After hearing rave reviews about her talk in April, I am glad to have the chance to see her. It makes me so proud of our chapter, when our programs and speakers are welcomed at the state level!

Enjoy all the rest and summer sunshine you can get, and Colleen and I look forward to seeing you at the Vacation Auction in September!

Yours in DKG,
Amy and Colleen

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REMINDERS

- September 19: Bring \$75 dues to September Meeting (check payable to Gamma Alpha) RSVP your intentions for a headcount to Jackie Smart at: jackie@mymartfamily.com
- \$30 November 4th Auction - See flyer on page 7 (check payable to Gamma Alpha)
- Basket Donation for Fall Conference/State Convention \$10
- Next Meeting: October 10, 2018 at the Northville Library. Mystery writer Richard Baldwin. See calendar.

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2018-2019 CALENDAR

Fourteen members attended the planning meeting in June at Jackie's home. Many wonderful ideas sprang from the meeting. Below are the dates for 2018-2019 year. In order to avoid conflicts, **PLEASE put the dates in your calendar** and we'll see you there. Information about meetings will be updated in following newsletters.

Wednesday September 19, 2018

Place: Cassels in Northville

Time: 5:30 PM - Dinner

6:30 PM - Business Meeting

Program:

- Business meeting
- \$75 Dues (payable to Gamma Alpha)
- Introduction of prospective members
- Vacation Auction - Bring an item from your summer vacation for the cup auction
- Bring books for used book sale
- Donation for basket for Fall Conference AND Spring Convention (\$10 suggested donation for gift card tree)
- Sign up for helping at Fall Conference
- Annual Auction in the newsletter

September 28 - 29, 2018

Executive Board and

Alpha Iota State Fall Conference

The H Hotel

111 W. Main St.

Midland, MI 48640

Wednesday October 10, 2018

Place: Northville Library

Time: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Program: DKG Plus 1 – bring a friend

5:15 PM - 5:30 PM - Set up

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM - Speaker (Richard

Baldwin - Michigan Mystery Author)

6:30 PM - Dinner in Northville

October 19-21, 2018

Women in the Arts Retreat

Kettunen Center

14901 H Drive

Tusten, MI 48688

Sunday, November 4, 2018

Holiday Auction/Luncheon

Place: Laurel Manor Banquet Center

Time: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (Members arrive at 12:00 PM for set-up)

Cost: \$30

Thursday December 6, 2018

Holiday Happy Hour

Place: Judy Morante's house

Time: 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Program: Holiday Happy Hour

Bring: Sign-up Genius List for Hot & Cold Apps,

Beverage, Salad or Dessert

Instead of a joke white elephant gift, this year you are asked to bring a wrapped gift for Beverley House.

More information will be announced as time nears.

Wednesday January 9, 2019

Place: G. Subu's Leather Bottle

Time: 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Executive Board

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Dinner & Program

Program: Conversation and Fellowship

Thursday March 14, 2019

Place: Northville Library

Time: 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Speaker from Northville Library -

E-books, MEL, Michigan, Activity Pass

6:30 PM - Dinner in Northville

Saturday April 13, 2019

Metro Council Lunch

Place: Our Lady of Sorrows (School Cafe)

Time: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Cost: \$20

Program: Preserving Our History

Wednesday April 17, 2019

Place: Northville Library

Time: 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Tentative Program:

Unlacing Victorian Women - History of Women's Clothing

6:30 PM - Dinner in Northville

May 3-5, 2019

Executive Board and State Convention

Grand Hotel

Mackinac Island, Michigan

Thursday May 16, 2019

Birthday Dinner (40th Anniversary)

Place: Karl's Cabin

Time: 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Cost: \$30

Program: Chapter Birthday Dinner

- Chapter Woman of Distinction
- Friend of Education
- Honor Retirees
- Grant-in-Aid Recipient
- Ceremony for New Members

Saturday June 15, 2019

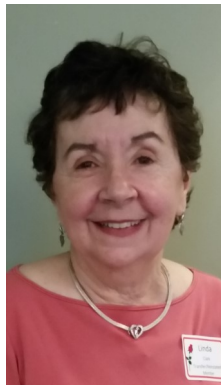
Planning Meeting

Place: TBD

Time: 11:00 - 2:00

Bring: Sign-up Genius for Dish to Pass, Program ideas

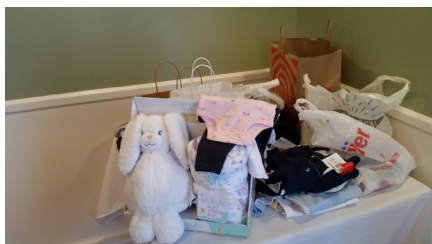
CHAPTER NEWS ... MAY BIRTHDAY DINNER



Four outstanding teachers were initiated by Carole Lower, Vice President and Membership chair, at the 39th Birthday Dinner at the Courthouse Grille: Karen Marold, Linda Clark, Margie Sievert, and Bev Stanton. Welcome to DKG Gamma Alpha Chapter, ladies.



Kathleen Washington, from Spectrum Services, was presented a certificate and a rose as the Friend of Education at the Birthday Dinner from **Judy Morante** and **Judi Fisher**. Members donated baby clothes to Sumpter House, a facility for teenage mothers. **Amber Resseguie** was given Gamma Alpha's Supporting Early Educators Grant-in-Aid by Grant-in-Aid chair, Joanna Eiwen. Amber received half of the \$500 grant at the dinner and will receive the other half when she attends another meeting. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves at the Gamma Alpha Annual Birthday Dinner.



August Birthdays 20 Grace Morgan



September Birthdays

9 Cindy Dietz
16 Carole Lower
19 Helen Mate
30 Jackie Smart



LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD

Alpha Iota State's newest award (2015) the Lifetime Service Award, honors chapter members who fit either (or both) of the following categories: the woman has been a member of DKG for at least fifty years or has reached the age of eighty. This award seeks to honor those members for their important contributions to education and to DKG. It is an opportunity to applaud the actions of these members who have given much to our profession and the field of education and to The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. They have had a positive impact on the education and the lives of many children, and their accomplishments are a big part of the history of the Society. Showcasing the work of these honorees will also help all members understand the past, the projects and the legacy of their chapter.

Elizabeth H. Bunner (Age 98) 50 Years of Membership



Elizabeth attained both her undergraduate and Master's degrees from Ball State University. She taught mostly 5th grade throughout her 35 year teaching career, but she has taught all levels of elementary education throughout her tenure. She taught in Indiana and retired in 1987. Elizabeth's daughter, Linda, reports that her mother was a wonderful elementary school teacher who was loved by her



students.

Elizabeth was thrilled and honored when asked to join DKG back in 1968. She served as president of her chapter in New Castle, Indiana, and attended several state and international conferences. She encouraged other teachers to join as well.

Elizabeth loves to garden and tend her flowers. She has raised chickens in the past and was a farmer's wife. Some of her travels have taken her to Europe, Canada, Alaska, and Hawaii. For 20 years she taught a weekly Bible fellowship study class. She has been a member of the New Castle Friends Meeting for over 70 years and was very involved in church projects.

Marie Canzoneri (Age 80)

30 Years of Membership



Marie attained her B.A. degree from Marygrove College and her Master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. She taught upper elementary school for 32 1/2 years, and has been retired for 23 years from Livonia schools. Marie enjoyed teaching reading through a variety of means; such as having her students put on plays. After retiring, Marie continued her education and became a travel consultant and enjoyed her new post-retirement life.

Marie willingly accepted the nomination for Chapter President even though she had only been a member for a few years. She was the first to serve for two terms. Marie was our Gamma Alpha Chapter Woman of Distinction in 1993.

Marie has traveled extensively and especially enjoys cruising. She has traveled to the Orient, Alaska, Hawaii, and Eastern and Western Caribbean. Marie is a grandmother of four and a great grandmother of three!

Carol A. Holland (84)

36 Years of Membership



Carol attained her B.S. degree from Heidelberg College (Tiffin, Ohio), and her Master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. Carol taught both reading readiness and first grade in Livonia schools for many years. She had the opportunity to develop a program at Buchanan Elementary for first graders who needed more reading skills before continuing on to second grade. She retired in 1996 from Tyler Elementary School in Livonia.

In her post-teaching life, Carol belongs to Beyond Belief Senior Theatre Troupe and they produce Main Stage Variety Shows each fall. She says the "Young at Heart" cast ranges in age from 57 to 92 and they have one common goal "Sharing the Joy of Music." Carol also keeps busy volunteering at the Northville Public Library.

Carol was Gamma Alpha's Second Vice President for two biennia. She chaired the World Fellowship Committee for many years and always volunteered to help at our annual auction. Carol received Gamma Alpha's Chapter's Woman of Distinction award in both 2000 and 2007.

In her retirement, Carol loves to read and knit, although not at the same time! She also loves to travel, especially in Michigan. And she is a big Tigers fan as well! Two of Carol's four grown children have become educators. She is the proud grandmother of 9 grandchildren and one great grandson.

Minutes for Meeting on June 23, 2018



Called to order at 11:55 a.m.

- Colleen will be resigning as president in May as she is moving to western Michigan. She will remain a member of Gamma Alpha, but may attend some meetings in Kalamazoo.
- Fall Conference will be held in Midland at the H Hotel September 28-29. Judi needs volunteers to help with registration on Friday and Saturday morning. Please plan on attending.
- Initiation Changes
 - After the International Convention in Austin, there may be changes in the initiation process. For example, new members will be inducted not initiated. This will remove the “sorority” aspect of joining.
 - One only needs to pay dues to join.
 - Membership chair may do a ‘brief’ welcoming speech to the organization. New members would receive the pin and name badge at this time. At the Birthday Dinner in May, an official ceremony would take place for all members inducted during the year.
 - Jackie made a motion regarding new members that they would be inducted and get their pin and name badge when they pay their dues. Motion passed.
- Dora Ellis wants to become a member in the fall.
- Three members from Kappa Chapter plan on transferring to Gamma Alpha in October. They will need to complete a transfer form.
- Baskets for Auctions
 - In the past we have spent \$400 for baskets. \$200 for each basket (Fall Conference and Spring Convention)
 - After much discussion, we decided to collect from members in attendance instead of raising the dues to cover the cost of our basket donation. Those in attendance will be asked to donate \$10. (Members who don’t regularly attend are asked to donate as well.)
 - We are at the Grand Hotel this spring and will be making a gift card “basket” in order to make it easier for the winner to take her prize home. Save your money for this convention.
- Used Books sales. We will continue to have them.
- Gamma Alpha timing for restaurant meetings
 - Start eating at 5:30
 - Meeting is 6:30-7:30
 - We will include a link with the menu to expedite ordering
- The remainder of the planning meeting was selecting dates for meetings, discussing programs, and assigning who will make arrangements for speakers
- The Meeting Calendar will be in the newsletter. Updates will be made in each newsletter.
- Esther and Cindy brought up an idea for DKG’s Schools for Africa Service Project. Zeta Chapter makes washable menstruation pad. These get sent to Africa where girls can’t go to school when they are on their period. Cindy and Esther have the pattern for the pads. Gamma Alpha would provide the materials. An assembly line could be set up. Some members could cut the pads and material. Others would sew the pads. Grace will check if Gama Alpha can use her church for assembly. This would be open to interested members. Date to be determined.
- Suggested ideas for meeting topics and social activities:
- Tipping Point Theater in Northville or Barefoot Productions in Livonia
 - Wine tasting and purchasing (Amy’s sister) or Chris Bak, former WMHS principal
 - Painting With a Twist
 - Escape Room
 - Art Institute Field Trip

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM
Joanna Eiwen, Recording Secretary

LEGISLATION

CHEERS AND JEERS

Senate Judiciary Committee ranking member Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) for pushing for the release of all documents pertaining to Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh's record to give the American people transparency on what could be a lifetime appointment to the highest court in the land.



Sens. Mark R. Warner (D-VA), Tim Kaine (D-VA), Susan Collins (R-ME), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), and Mazie Hirono (D-HI) for introducing the Relocation Expense Parity Act to close a loophole, created by the tax bill passed last year, that prevents certain federal workers from being fully reimbursed for moving expenses.



Reps. Tony Cárdenas (D-CA) and Pete Olson (R-TX) for introducing the High School CODES Act, bipartisan legislation to help high schools create or expand coding education programs through a new grant program within the National Activities Fund at the U.S. Department of Education.



Reps. Cedric Richmond (D-LA), Danny K. Davis (D-IL), Frederica Wilson (D-FL), and Yvette Clarke (D-NY) for their letter decrying education secretary Betsy DeVos' decision to postpone issuing an Obama-era regulation on bias in special education: "The assertion from the Department that significant disproportionality occurs for reasons other than race ignores both the overwhelming evidence base and the statutory intent. ..."



Sens. Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Joe Manchin (D-WV), Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Tina Smith (D-MN) and Reps. Debbie Dingell (D-MI), Bobby Scott (D-VA), Richard Neal (D-MA), and Donald Norcross (D-NJ) for standing up for workers at risk of having their pensions drastically reduced at a July 25 stakeholder hearing of the Select Committee on Multiemployer Pension Plans.



Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Dan Donovan (R-NY), David Joyce (R-OH), David McKinley (R-WV), and Chris Smith (R-NJ) for introducing H.R. 6445, an NEA-supported bill that underscores public-sector employees' legal right to form and join unions, and bargain collectively over wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment.



Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos for proposing to curtail loan forgiveness rules for students defrauded by for-profit colleges and setting a higher bar for sanctioning predatory institutions.



Republican members of the House Appropriations Committee for rejecting a proposal to designate millions of dollars for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for research on gun violence.



NEA Insider, July 29, 2018

STATE CONVENTION



The Marriott at Auburn Hills hosted Spring Executive Board and State Convention. Sessions were informative. Meeting rooms were conveniently located. The meals, although pricey, were delish!

A highlight of the Saturday night banquet (after Amy and Colleen in the Presidents' Procession) was the Distinguished Service Award recipient, the Honorable Rosemarie Aquilina. Judge Aquilina took the time to listen to hundreds of victims' stories in the Larry Nassar trial. She told the girls they are no longer victims, that they were survivors and reminded them that the whole world was listening to them. Aquilina had been JAG officer. She teaches Family Law. She has also written a fiction book, "Triple Cross Killer."

GAMMA ALPHA ANNUAL AUCTION



Date: Sunday, November 4, 2018

(Members Arrive at 12:00 for Set-Up)

Time: 1:00-4:30 pm

Laurel Manor

39000 Schoolcraft Road

Livonia, Michigan

Cash Bar - Buy Tickets for Raffles - Bid on Silent Auction - Socialize

Lunch 2:00

(Auction Following lunch)

Hold on to your hats (and purses.) It's here! Gamma Alpha Chapter's Annual Auction. You can do your Holiday shopping early this year!

Proceeds will be used in part for:

Early-Career Educators Grants

Community Service Projects with Seedlings Braille Books for Children

Beverly Girls Group Home and Sumpter House

Plated Luncheon Entree \$30

Garden Salad w/ Ranch or Italian Dressing

Homemade Bread

Chicken Boursin

(Boneless chicken breast, roasted peppers and Boursin cheese wrapped in a puff pastry filled with basil cream sauce)

Anna Potato

Green Beans

or

Vegetarian Choice: Tronchetto (vegetarian lasagna)

Cake

1. Indicate entrée choice: Chicken Boursin or Tronchetto
2. Make checks payable to "Gamma Alpha."
3. Send to treasurer, Cindy Dietz, by October 21, 2018
4. Please list names of guests and their entrée for name tags.
5. If you fill a table (8) we can reserve the table for your party. Please include their names and entrée selection.
6. If you are a guest, indicate at whose table you will sit.

DKG is a professional honor society of key women educators in the United States, Canada, Europe, Latin America and Japan. Our mission is: *"to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education."* If you are currently a teacher or retired from the teaching profession, please ask any member about joining DKG.

Cindy Dietz
7329 Gilman
Westland, MI 48185

DKG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - AUSTIN, TX MEMORIES



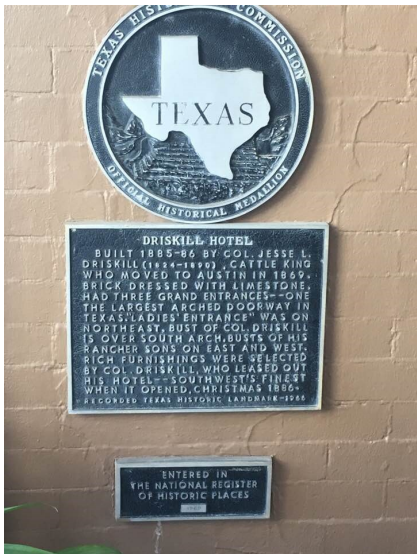
International Convention attendees (2 were AWOL)



The capital and underground offices with skylight



**LBJ
Library**



**Driskill
Hotel**



Judi and Jackie at Texas Night



The music capital was 104 degrees!!

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Alpha Iota State Fall Conference Registration Form



September 28 - 29, 2018

The H Hotel, Dolce Hotels & Resorts

111 West Main Street

Midland, MI 48640

989-837-6014

Please Print: Use one form for each person

Name		Chapter	
Mailing Address (city, state, zip code)			
Phone		Email	
Present Office: Chapter	State	DKG International	Years of Membership
Is this your first Fall Conference? YES NO If "Yes", please attend the First Timers' Orientation Friday evening.		Are you currently teaching or employed in education? YES NO	
Executive Board will begin at 8:00 PM Friday night. Coordinating Councils will meet following the meeting			
* To help us "go green" please bring your neck wallet name badge holders. If you do not have one or forget yours, plastic holders will be available.			

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND

Fees:		Amount
Registration Fee:	Member	\$70
	Non-member	\$80
Note: Lunch is included in the registration fee. <i>Minestrone soup, garden salad, gourmet breads, chicken marsala, vegetarian lasagna, roasted redskin potatoes, California blend vegetables, dessert selection, coffee, tea</i>		
Late Fee	(Postmarked after September 15, 2018)	\$15
Friday Night Dinner Buffet Opportunity	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM <i>Grilled chicken breast, baked ziti, roasted potatoes, corn, coleslaw, tossed garden salad, dessert selection, coffee, tea * Note: The restaurant cannot handle large groups quickly.</i>	\$30
Saturday Morning Breakfast Opportunity	6:45 AM - 8:00 AM <i>Scrambled eggs, bacon, breakfast potatoes, seasonal fruits, assorted breads & pastries, coffee, tea, orange juice * Note: The restaurant cannot handle large groups quickly.</i>	\$20
Certified Educational Units Fee	Member	\$15
	Non-member	OR \$25
Total Amount Enclosed		Total Due

Make checks payable to "Delta Kappa Gamma"

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Handicap Assistance:

There is elevator service to guest rooms. If you require special guest room accommodations, please notify the hotel staff directly when you make your overnight reservations.

Photo Release: By your attendance at this event you are granting your permission to be photographed by Alpha Iota State of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and granting the use of your likeness in the *Wolverine* and/or on the Society website without compensation.

In order to earn the State Certified Educational Units (SCECHs) you must do the following:

1. Register for the Credit on your registration form. (Fee is \$15 for member, \$25 for non-member.)
2. Sign in for SCECHs at the registration desk when you check in. (State Required Form)
A sheet will be in your packet.
3. Attend a minimum of **three** sessions for credit. Up to **five** clock hours may be earned.
4. Assure that you are stamped in and stamped out of each session. (You must attend the entire session.)
5. Turn in your Official Attendance Sheet and your evaluation sheet. There will be a special box at the registration desk for this purpose.

Please mail this form and checks payable to *Delta Kappa Gamma* to:

Registrar:
Judi Fisher
20180 Rippling Lane
Northville 48167
judifisher@yahoo.com 248-808-0477 (C)

Cancellation: A person having to cancel will receive a refund provided her written request is received **fifteen** days prior to the event, which is September 13, 2018 (Standing rule 7:01 of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.) Requests for cancellations must be sent in writing to the registrar. If it is necessary to cancel after September 13, 2018, you should attempt to get someone from your chapter to attend in your place. No refunds can be made after the cancellation date.

NOTE:

HOTEL REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 7, 2018 FOR GUARANTEE OF LOWEST AVAILABLE PRICE AND AVAILABILITY

(You must personally make and/or cancel your hotel accommodations.)



Delta
Hotel & Conference Destination

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Fall Conference September 28-29, 2018

The H Hotel
111 W. Main Street
Midland, MI 48640
989.839.0500

Reservation Information:

A dedicated website is now available for you to book your hotel rooms online. Reservations can be made starting June 2, 2018 at this web address: Booking Website: <https://book.passkey.com/e/49219752>

Reservations can also be made by calling the H Hotel's sales office at 1-800-282-7778

Discounted Group Guestroom Rate:

\$129.00 per night plus 6% state tax and 5% occupancy tax (11% total)

Cut-Off Date: *Friday, September 7, 2018*

Check-In Time: 3:00 PM

Check-Out Time: 11:00 AM

Cancellation Policy:

All reservations must be cancelled by 6:00 PM on the day of your arrival date to avoid a cancellation fee.



The Lost Memoirs of Jane Austen

Syrie James

What if, hidden in an old attic chest, Jane Austen's memoirs were discovered after hundreds of years? What if those pages revealed the untold story of a life-changing love affair? That's the premise behind this wonderful novel I read this summer. It delves into the secrets of Jane Austen's life, giving us untold insights into her mind and heart. Here's the scoop...Jane Austen has given up her writing when, on a fateful trip to Lyme, she meets the well-read and charming Mr. Ashford, a man who is her equal in intellect and temperament. Inspired by the people and places around her, and encouraged by his faith in her, Jane begins revising *Sense and Sensibility*, a book she began years earlier, hoping to be published at last. The book is cleverly written in a style that echoes Austen's own and is irresistible to anyone who loves Jane Austen.



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DKG International

- Jackie and Judi attended the International Convention.
- Cathy Daugherty was installed as DKG's International President at the convention in Austin, Texas July 20th.
- Go-Ahead Tours is offering a trip to Iceland ... Reykjavik and the Golden Circle, July 2019.
- Northeast Regional Conference will be held in Mashantucket, CT July 30-August 1, 2019. Plan a road trip and attend NERC.
- The DKG News will be moving to online only starting July/August 2018 and beyond. It will be available as a PDF on the International website, www.dkg.org
- Over 100 motions to amend the DKG Constitution and Standing Rules were discussed and voted on at the convention.

Proposed Changes in Social Studies Standards

Senator Patrick Colbeck is leading the charge to erase history. Colbeck, and a group of others, recently helped rewrite the proposed social studies standards for public school students in kindergarten through 12th grade. A few of the proposed changes are:

- References to the Ku Klux Klan are decreased to a single reference in eighth-grade.
- Five existing references to the NAACP have been cut.
- The two references to gays and lesbians have been deleted.
- References to Roe v. Wade, the landmark 1973 Supreme Court case legalizing a women's right to reproductive freedom, are removed.

July 2018 MEA-Retired Tribune Newsletter

Teachers Matter: Emily Blunt - From Stutter to Stagecraft



Most people know Emily Blunt as a Golden Globe-nominated film and stage actress. However, between the ages of 7 and 14 she developed a crippling stutter that had her struggling to even hold a simple conversation. "I was a smart kid and had a lot to say, but I just couldn't say it," she claimed in an interview for *W Magazine*. "I never thought I'd be able to sit and talk to someone like I'm talking to you right now."

For Blunt, it was one junior high teacher in particular that she claims helped her overcome her fear of speaking by encouraging her to try out for the school play. At first, Blunt resisted the idea, but the teacher wouldn't give up on her and coaxed her to take acting lessons and experiment with different accents and character voices to help express herself. In the end, those efforts paid off for her immensely. In addition to her incredibly successful career as an actress, she also became a member of the board of directors for the American Institute for Stuttering.

Acting credits for Emily Blunt include: *The Devil Wears Prada*, *Sunshine Cleaning*, *The Jane Austen Book Club*, *A Quiet Place*, *The Young Victoria*, *Sicario*, *Girl on the Train*, and *Mary Poppins Return* are just a few.