

Alpha Chapter Newsletter



Highlights from our meeting:

- *Wifi was out so we were unable to listen to IDA: The Women Who Runs With The Moose.
- *Janice played our DKG Song and it was beautiful. In May Janice is having hip surgery so we hope Mary will be back to play our song.
- *Joy read the Collect and Rebecca shared a poem called, "The Kindness."
- *The regular business meeting was held, consisting of reports and discussion.
- *Red folders need to be passed in and Dues paid at May meeting or send Dues money to Shirley by mail.
- *Necrology Program was held honoring France Strout and Florence Smith.
- *Seeds of Friendship Program constant of Poems and a seed gift, were shared by Lisa and Fawn.

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NEXT MEETING

- *May 3, 2021 @4:30
- *Executive Board Meeting
- June 14, 2021@ 4:00

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UP COMING EVENTS

- *Spring Convention is Virtual 4/30-5/1
- *International Conference

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ON LINE QUICK TIPS:

Please visit the DKG International site and fill in you Profile. Name, years in Alpha, committees you are on.



***Calling Tree Responses For: If you found a pot of gold, what would you do with it?**

- *Allison C.- would use the pot of gold to build a new school in Milo.**
- *Barbara C.- would donated her pot of gold to charity.**
- *Sheila C.- would travel to see her adult children and to complete the building of their new home.**
- *Hilda W.- would connect with her Financial Advisor for best ideas for use.**
- *Bobby F.- would invest some, spend some, and use some for The Animal Orphanage.**
- *Shirley E.- would be use the pot of gold for travel and charities.**
- *Cyndi F.- would be shared with family, and also would give some to charities.**
- *Anna B.- would go to the nearest Elementary playground and toss it all over the ground to let each child get a piece of gold.**
- *Diane B.- would fix all the broken things in the world: houses, relationships,& relationships in our world.**
- *Sandra B. B.- would give some of there goal to family, hit the road and go somewhere.**
- *Lisa S.- would take her family skiing in The Alps, and give children in her district the opportunity to enjoy more hands on science, art, computer technology, theater, industrial Arts with 3-D printers, coding, writing or whatever class they felt they would enjoy.**
- *Brenna T.- said she would give her pot of goal to Debbie and charity.**
- *Kathy P.- said she would donate it to her church.**
- *Gail R.- would share it.**
- Joy-K. would pay all of my nieces, and nephews' college tuitions. If their was anything left, she would build a state-of the-art kitchen for herself as, she said,"I love to cook!"**
- *Patti St. L.- would share it with her family and give the rest to my favorite charity, "The American Heart Association".**
- *Jane S.- would donate it to medical research.**
- *Richice S.- would share it with any friends who needed help.**
- *Linda H.- would share with her family and buy a place in the Villages!**
- *Alice K.- would give as much away as possible to help others!**
- *Diane L. -would open a B&B in southern Maine or New Hampshire.**
- *Amy R. - is busy and awaiting a new grandchild in April. Her answer to the question by way of text was, "Great Question".**
- *Mary S has had her 1st shot and is working 3 days at the church. She says she likes the 3 days instead of 5 and still is able to get all the work done. With all the precautions set up she feels comfortable playing the piano in church. Her answer to the question was "No, thank you! I don't want to pay the taxes on it!"**
- *Janice S has been busy with her on-line classes. I interrupted her Zoom class when I called her. Times have changed during this pandemic, but this form of teaching is something Janice has been**

Poetry Book:

Silver Ships

By: Theresa Druley Black

To A Friend

I have many gifts
About me: the trees,
The tiniest flowers,
The ships on the seas,
The blue of the skies,
The splash of the rain,
With deep flowing valleys,
Near great fields of grain.
God gave me great pleasures,
Joys without end;
And best of all treasures,

Quatrains for the New Year:

April

A dear dainty maid, with a tear in your eye
why do you whimper and why do you sigh!
"I bring forth the rain and the sunshine, too,
Now isn't that quite enough to do!"

*MSO Spring to Fall Convention
April 30-May 1, 2021

(Virtual)

2021 International Conferences:
July 7-10, 2021-Portland Oregon
July 21-24, 2021- San Antonio, TX

***More Calling Tree Responses For: If you found a pot of gold, what would you do with it?**

***Cathy L.- would give it to her husband as she does not want the headache of managing it. She is quite sure that he would save some and give some to charity.**

***Linda M.- is pleased as she has had her second vaccination. She would travel and help others. She has been helping by donating to individuals who need assistance through the Facebook page called Maine CoronaVirus Community Assistance.**

***Donna M.- was busy raking and had just had her second cataract surgery. The second one went better than the first. She would donate funds to research for rare types of cancer as she has just lost a dear cousin to one such disease.**

***Thelma Merritt is the practical one. She would first convert to currency that she could spend. Then she would share with her family as they have done so much for her. After that she would donate to charities such as her church. Thelma was in great spirits and was looking forward to her eye doctor's appointment the next day. Her eye doctor is the son of the eye doctor whom she saw in the County years ago.**

***Judy D.- has been busy getting ready for trip to FL. Making masks for the friends they are visiting. Also had a tub full of blankets and items for the nic unit at the hospital.**

***Rebecca- is quarantined because she ate in school with someone testing positive. She zooms and reads to students from home. She would donate to charities, give \$ to friends and family save some and rest be mad money.**

***Jan -has been waiting to finally eat with friends. She would set up her kids with annuities. Then give money to the homeless.**

***Fawn- has been busy taking care of mom and family. Waiting for grand daughter's family to travel to ME this spring. She would use money to finish the repairs to the house. Then would travel making memories with husband.**

***Debbie Z.- is excited to be able to travel and visit their daughter and family then travel to Aspen to visit son and his family. Would give money to favorite charities. Then use money to travel with her husband.**

***Janice S has been busy with her on-line classes. I interrupted her Zoom class when I called her. Times have changed during this pandemic, but this form of teaching is something Janice has been doing for quite a while. She has had her first shot and will be getting her next shot soon. Her answer was "Set up a trust fund for the grandchildren available after they turn 35 years old." LOL.**

***Carol Ann B.- said she would give her pot of gold to her nieces.**

***Esther B.- said she would give hers away.**

Alpha Members:

***Thelma Merritt will be 100 years young on April 13th. What a joyous time to share in her happiness. Just think about how many changes she has seen in her life time. One example that comes to mind is school. What changes have taking place from when she was little to the computer world and virtual learning today. You are so loved Thelma, and your Alpha Sisters are very proud that you choose them when you moved down from the county, as well as all your wisdom, spirit, and accomplishments.**

***Brenna Thornton is doing well. I asked her if she needed anything and she talked about a clipboard as it was difficult for her to fill out her meals menu. She said she had asks them for one quite a few times so I told her not to worry and I would send her one. I asked her if she could use some cards to send others and she said that would be wonderful and I sent her ten cards I had made with stamps, and her return address labels. I place a ribbon to a pen and tied it to the clipboard for easier access as well as our DKG Sisters telephone numbers and a pad of paper. I was in town and dropped it off at the main entrance in this special spot Ross Manor has for drop off items. If you would like to chat with Brenna, afternoons are the best for her. Her telephone number is 207-573-4133. We chatted for a long time and had some great laughs.**

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION:

We are looking forward to our May meeting. We will be celebrating our DKG Birthday.

Question of the Month: **What is something you are planning to do in the Spring? Please let your calling tree Sister Know.**

Please be thinking about presenters/program ideas for next year. We sent out a form and look forward to your ideas. *Dues due May 3rd meeting** which will be here before you know it. The cost will be **\$65.00. Reserve members pay \$35.00.****