



ALPHA IOTA

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NOVEMBER MEETING

Nov. 14, 2018

Badger Girls State

Bethany Laatsch and Brooklyn Reif

Moose Club

5:00 Friendship

5:30 Meeting

6:00 Dinner

This meeting is a week early because of an early Thanksgiving. This is a chance to hear our Badger Girls that were sponsored with the help of the Noisy Bucket collection and the Give Back Grant.

Remember invite women that might be interested in what our chapter is all about. Let Vonnie know if you need to make a reservation for your guest.

Pearl thanks members for getting dues to her so she could send them in on time.

THOUGHTS FROM JEAN

Exciting ideas are on the horizon! After our October meeting, we delved deeper into the idea of writing grants with conversations with Allison, Peggy, and Jen Fanning. We are looking at writing an Action Grant application to help with book bags being given to families working with Rock County Social Services that would be individualized for that family. We would like to apply for an International Educational Foundation grant for the Brain Bags that the Early Literacy Task Force is hoping to give out to families of newborns in Rock County. For children who have needs to be more active, we are planning to apply for a Give Back award. This would provide flexible seating for students at Kennedy Elementary School where Jen is the principal. These are some new initiatives for us that offer future possibilities for our chapter. Special thanks to Linda Edwards and Robin Strohacker who have offered to help write the applications for these grants. If there is

anyone else willing to help write the grants, please let me know.

Remember to set your taste buds for a **Culver's meal on Tuesday, Nov. 20th. 10% of the sales from 4-8 p.m. at the Milton Avenue Culver's will be donated to our chapter!** Also, invite your friends and family to dine there that night. Thanks to those of you who are serving and to those who will enjoy a meal there.

DONATIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL CLOSETS

Thanks to Pat for collecting items and writing the Action Grant for the High School Closets. Over \$400 in feminine products, personal care items, socks and bus tokens (\$200 from Action Grant and \$50 additional from members) were collected at the October meeting.

Thanks to Jean, Bev, Kris and Pat for taking the donations to Parker and Craig High Schools.



Craig



Parker

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Welcome new member Cathy Engel. She is a retired FACE teacher (Family and Consumer Ed.) She loves crafting and reading. engels@sbcglobal.net 757-2083





MEMBERSHIP

By Joan Kalweit

Just a reminder to fill out your new Bio Date Sheet, and bring it back to the November meeting. I will have a treat for everyone that brings their sheet to our meeting. If you were not at the last meeting, I have a Bio Sheet to give you. Thanks for all your help with updating our membership information.

STERLING NORTH BOOK FESTIVAL

The book and film festival was held October 27th. Terry, Judy, and Linda E. shared information about DKG, Alpha Iota and the Literary Competition at the Book Fair in the Tri County Center.



It was wonderful to see other area students come to listen to the adult and young authors. The young authors were outstanding, as they presented and read their books in the historic Sterling North Barn. Tricia Clasen shared her book The Haunted House Project, then the students, followed by Kathleen Ernst, American Girl Doll author. Both authors shared information about writing with the young authors.



A drawing was held to reward students with American Girl dolls and American Girl books. What a perfect ending to a wonderful day.

Thanks to Pat, Judy, Linda and Terry for making this happen.

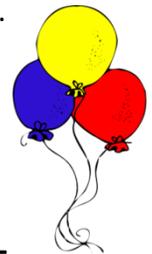
EARLY LITERACY TASK FORCE

Allison DeGraaf and Peggy Muehenkamp presented an overview of the task force and their mission.



The Janesville Early Literacy Task Force is committed to engaging the entire community in preparing children from birth to age four to succeed in school and life by empowering families to read, talk, and play together every day.

They stated their goal is to assist parents to interact with infants and toddlers by reading talking playing and singing, every day. Parents want to do the best they can to help their children succeed in school and life but may not have the means or the knowledge of how to do that, and how important it is to begin at birth.



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 7 Virginia Saltzman

MEMBER UPDATE

Jean Schollmeier is recovering from a procedure to repair a problem in her hip suffered in Pickleball. Therapy coming soon.

Linda Holte is home and improving each day.

Janet Bishop is out of the hospital and recovering from pneumonia.

Keep Bev, Linda L. and Pat informed if you know a member in need of our thoughts and prayers.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. No Meeting

Jan. 16 New Things Happening in JSD