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## **Navigating the Journey**

#### Officers:

President—Patricia Souriall

Vice President— Marcia Barren

Recording Secretary-Annette Bopp

Corresponding Secretary—Di Ann Suggs

Treasurer—Janet Robb

## CALENDAR

12/11 Christmas
Brunch, DiAnn's
house

02/03 Valentine surprises for youth at Bridgeview Youth Center

04/07 Founders Day, Margaritaville on Lake Conroe

## BIRTHDAYS

01/04 Janet R. 01/24 Patty S. 03/05 Carrie C. 03/22 Elaine W.



# Christmas Brunch with the DKG Bunch

Eagle Lake was again the location for our Christmas gettogether with **Di Ann** as our host. The weather was perfect as we carpooled to her home.

Our food items we shared made for a tasty meal that filled us to the brim. The gift exchange was fun as usual, but no one stole a present, so we weren't quite as loud as usual.

Snacks were brought to share with our adult CPS people.
President Pat took the snacks to the center. (See photo below.)
Director Christina said the gifts were most appreciated.

### More photos next issue!



# February Meeting: a Sweet One

Our former CPS youth who live at the newly redesigned and expanded Bridgeview Youth Center on North Frazier in Conroe will be the recipients of our form of valentines after our meeting February 3. True to our mission and goals, we will dig deep and "share the love" of Valentine's Day with them.

The meeting will begin at 5:00 PM with a tour. More information will be provided in the pre-meeting email that Patty always sends out. Those who wish to carpool need to make others aware of that information for our planning.

We do not hold meetings during January and March.



Remember your change for our piggy bank as we grow our bank balance to



use those funds to help others.



The money goes to rookie teacher winners and to our youth.





#### Dear Sisters,

Happy New Year! I don't know about you, but I am ready for 2022! Thank you, Di Ann, for hosting our Christmas Brunch. It was a great way to end the year!

No doubt last year was challenging, but we managed to keep in touch and make our meetings. Our membership "prospect " list keeps growing, but so far no new names are on the roster. My personal resolution is to reach out again to those who have expressed an interest in joining DKG. I hope that you will do the same.

Our next meeting will be February 3rd at Bridgeway Youth Shelter in Conroe. We will take pizza to the kids and have a chance to visit and see the new cabins. Afterward we will have our meeting at a local restaurant. This would give prospective members a good chance to see what our service project is all about and also a chance to get to know us better.

One last request... Clara has been our Year-book editor for many years and has done an awesome job. Lambda Kappa has been recognized every year at the State Convention for meeting all yearbook requirements and for being an "Early Bird" recipient. However, Clara is ready to resign as editor and would be happy to assist a new editor of the yearbook. Please consider this opportunity to help our chapter.

Wishing all of you many Blessings in the New Year and looking forward to seeing you and your guest on February 3rd.

Love, Patty

### Influences from National....

My copy of **Collegial Exchange** turned out to hold several interesting entries from members around the globe. I found myself watching words—phrases—thoughts leaping from the page and into my own thought processes.

One such article, Leaving a Legacy, was so very touching as the author told about Bettye Mischen Dunbar's sum of money she left upon her passing and the instructions to direct that money toward educational projects. The author then challenges us to think about our own possible legacies. (Page 7)

There is an amazing article regarding music education and the role it holds in closing the achievement gap. Being a major music lover, I have always cringed in hearing the possibility of a school or district cutting music funds to try to balance the budget. As well as day-to-day growth in the academics, the author mentions that in this time of change, mental health and healing can be helped through music. (Page 11)

So many more! There's a tribute to Marie Clay for those aware of Reading Recovery. There is a great article on the characteristics of an effective principal and.... Open the cover!



Have news or ideas for the newsletter? Please contact Anne Sundquist, editor, at sun1gypsy@gmail.com.