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*Lingo from Linda & Rhea. . .*



**Alpha Phi Chapter**

**Ohio State Organization**

**Delta Kappa Gamma**

### **JUST TO MAKE SURE. . .**

The fleece you purchase for the March meeting: Purchase 2 yd lengths, 2 pieces of coordinating fleece. If you order online at Joann Fabrics, they will require you to buy 2 yds. minimum, no worries, ship super fast & have super deals right now. Be sure to bring scissors & yard sticks even if you have made one or two ahead of time, we will have plenty to work on & make together. This continues to be such a fun project to work on! Bring an item for “**Schools For Africa**” drawing.

*Make sure you reserve this date with Jyl Dwyer: [jyl@erinet.com](mailto:jyl@erinet.com).*

***DUE TO A SCHEDULING CONFLICT, the date has been changed from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday to the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of March.*** We are also working with Project Linus. We will need to choose fabrics that teens will enjoy as well. If you have purchased 1 ½ yd. lengths, it is fine.

**DATE: March 23, 2024 (DATE CHANGE)**

**TIME: 11:30 a.m.**

**PLACE: Waynesville United Methodist Church,  
297 North Church Street, Waynesville, OH**

**COST: \$12 for lunch**

**Hostesses: Linda Parker**

### **SOMETHING about the APRIL Meeting.**

We will be meeting at MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Avenue, Kettering, April 16<sup>th</sup>, **2:00 pm (a time change due to scheduling conflicts with MCL).** The focus of our time together will be a “SHOW & TELL”. Bring something YOU would like to share about YOU with the ladies, like: a unique object, item that displays your talents & skills, song, story, poem, book review, something funny, something you value, something we may not have known about YOU.

**SUMMER OUTING. . . JUNE 26<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday,  
11:30 am**

**Heart of Ohio Antique Mall Café,  
4785 E. National Road, Springfield, OH 45505**

<https://www.facebook.com/100069679910115/posts/109254724740524/>

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*We will have a **brief business meeting in order to have plenty of time to work on the fleece blankets. Minutes and treasurer's reports will be available to you as you arrive, as usual, to save time.***

## Meeting Agenda

When you arrive,

\*check in with Denise to pay for lunch

& get your tickets, "Schools For Africa" Drawing

\*Read over Secretary's Report & Treasurer's Report.

Welcome/ Call to Order/Approval of Agenda

Lunch – We will conduct drawing during lunch. As you finish your lunch, feel free to spread out your "stuff".

Project: **Fleece Blankets for Project Linus**

Secretary's Report: Linda Parker-If there are no additions or corrections, they will stand approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Denise Shaneyfelt-if there are no questions, corrections, additions, Treasurer's Report will be submitted for audit.

Correspondence: Jyl Dwyer

Old Business:

New Business: \$\$ amount for donations to be made to "Schools For Africa"

\*Xenia STEAM School

\*New slate of officers

Committee Reports – we will forego and move on to project.

Work on Project – ENJOY!!!! Adjournment

### MISSION STATEMENT

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.



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RECAPTURE



RESPOND

*Linda Beaver will be giving a special tribute for Urcelle.*

## **Celebrating the life of Urcelle Carter Willis**

By John Hamilton, February 2, 2024



HARVEYSBURG — A local historical contributor and Wilmington College graduate has passed away at the age of 99.

Urcelle Carter Willis, of Harveysburg, passed on Monday, January 29, 2024. Jodi Black, president of the Harveysburg Community Historical Society, told the News Journal that Willis was a lifetime member and supporter of the Society and had recently been a trustee.

“Her mind was sharp,” said Black. “She was so vibrant and will be dearly missed.”

Willis grew up on a dairy farm in Clinton County and later graduated valedictorian at Kingman High School — now a part of Clinton-Massie’s school system, according to a document provided by Black. She would later go on to graduate from Wilmington College with a degree in business education, and then receive her master’s from Ohio State University.

She went on to teach business education at North Carolina College for four years, then returned to Ohio to teach at Central State University. There, she helped set up the National Defense Loan Program in 1959, and became a business education instructor. She met, taught in the same area with, and eventually married another professor at Central State, Herbert Willis. She spent 30 years working at Central State University, going from business education instructor to assistant professor, to acting dean, to what’s known today as Professor Emeritus.

Willis was described as being very active in the local historical society, bringing awareness to the Harveysburg Free Black School, the first free school for African-American children in Ohio. The school is now a museum dedicated to the school’s history.

The school was built in 1831 to teach African and Native American children “who had been denied the opportunity for public education,” according to a pamphlet provided by Black.

According to information provided by Black, Elizabeth Harvey and her family were Quakers who believed that all individuals deserved a quality education and the dignity of a learning place.

Willis's grandmother attended the school. Willis attributed much of her academic success to her grandmother's education and knowing its value.

