

Sigma Chapter News

Sigma Chapter (Ohio State Organization), Delta Kappa Gamma

SERVING SIGMA FOR 2020-2022

Sigma Officers

2020-2022

President

Brenda Armstrong

Recording Sec. - Linda Doubrava

Corresponding Sec. - Patty Scaravilli

Treasurer - Sally Gillmore

Editor - Sally Gillmore

BIRTHDAYS

May 1 Patt Gronick

May 10 Andrea Dean

May 30 Mary R. Powell

June 10 Maria Turk



Linda, Brenda and Patty agreed to return to serve Sigma for this new Biennium, 2020-2022. Sally will continue as treasurer, as well as editor.

When only one candidate per position is on the ballot a formal vote is not required under the authority of *Robert's Rules of Order newly Revised, 11th Edition* since Sigma's Chapter Rules do not require a ballot vote. Congratulations to our officers and many thanks from the chapter for their continued service.

If you have decided you would like to serve your chapter at this time as a Vice President or on a committee let Brenda know. Lori Guerrini is currently chairman of our Scholarship Committee. Once we know how colleges and schools will treat the Student Teaching Program, Lori will need help on that committee.



DUES COLLECTION FOR 2020-21 FISCAL YEAR ARE NOW UNDERWAY!

Since we will not resume chapter meetings until after dues collection deadline, each member is asked to send your check to the treasurer (Sally Gillmore, 13043 Fairfield Trail, Chesterland, Ohio, 44026).

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP DUES	
International	\$40.00
State	13.00
Sigma Chapter	16.00
Scholarship	<u>1.00</u>
TOTAL	70.00

RESERVE MEMBERSHIP DUES	
International	\$20.00
State	6.00
Sigma Chapter	13.00
Scholarship	<u>1.00</u>
TOTAL	40.00

Early Bird Special for 2020-21 dues. Pay before June 30, 2020 and save! Under this special Active dues will be \$65 and Reserve dues are \$35. Send to: Sally Gillmore, 13043 Fairfield Trail, Chesterland, Ohio, 44026.

Who is a Reserve Member?

M. David, V. Fedor, A. Kalonick, S. Mariani, J. McCown, B. Welty.

We have 29 Active members. 7 members work full time and 2 are substituting (when school is open!). Several others do volunteer work that is almost full-time.

BOOKS SUGGESTED BY MEMBERS FOR OUR READING PLEASURE! (SOME WITH COMMENTS!)

Karen D. Book List  

The Water Dancer by Ta-Nehisi Coates. *The Water Dancer* was the most challenging for me and first fiction work by Coates. It is a mystical book about a slave pre Civil War and his life on a plantation but how he is imbued with supernatural powers to transport people over long distances by the power of conduction. Very well written (I have liked Coates' nonfiction, too) and not just the expected story of a slave. He gets too wordy towards the end in trying to include all kinds of historical figures, but I think that's the historian in him coming out. Well worth the effort.

The Giver of Stars by Jo Jo Moyes is a book every educator would love. It is about a group of traveling librarians who take books deep into the Appalachians where people are too poor and too far away to get to a library. A wonderful story of these tough women, based on true stories during the Depression of the 1930's.

Summer of 69 by Elin Hildebrand was my least favorite. It encompassed a Nantucket family and the adventures of their four children, three daughters and one son, who was sent to Vietnam. A good summer read and not completely cliché driven.

The Splendid and the Vile by Eric Larsen is nonfiction and was my favorite. It tells the narrow story of Winston Churchill and the one year of bombing of London. It is very factual but reads like a narrative. Probably because the author, Larson, who also wrote the *Devil in the White City* about the Chicago Fair and he has a wonderful narrative style. Maybe I related to it because we are all hunkered down with the coronavirus. It was a book of hope and grand leadership. Something we all need right now.

Kathy B. Book List  

Pam Jenoff. *The Lost Girls of Paris*, and *The Orphan's Tale*. Both of these books are set in World War II with a woman as main character.

Rhys Bowen. *In Farleigh Field*. British aristocracy is affected by German invasions.

Casey Cep. *Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud, and the Last Trial of Harper Lee*. A true crime, courtroom drama that Harper Lee had wanted to tell and worked on after *Mockingbird*.

David McCullough. *The Wright Brothers*. Excellent biography of Orville, Wilbur and family.

Sally's Book List  

Elin Hildebrand. *The Perfect Couple*. Who killed the maid-of-honor?

Noelle Kalazar. *The Flight Girls*. This is a great read about young women pilots in WWII called Women Airforce Service Pilots. The fictional story begins with Audrey training military pilots in a flight school in Hawaii just as war in Europe begins. She returns to the US mainland after Pearl Harbor is attacked, continuing her teaching. She flies her WASP duties in Europe with a group of fearless women.

Sally Hepworth. *The Mother-in-Law*. Lucy has always thought her Mother-in-Law, Diana, doesn't like her. This suspense story has many twists as we hear from both Diana and Lucy as narrators. Once started, I found this hard to put down. Set in Australia.