Delta Kappa Gamma Writers Group

**February 3, 2023 Agenda/Newsletter**

*“There is something about writing the first words of a story. You never quite know where it will take you.”—Beatrix Potter*

**Objectives:**  
*Friends gathering for commonality/* *Meet other writers/ Encourage sharing / Support and motivate members / Discuss writing topics.*

**The Zoom invite will be sent out on Monday before the Friday meeting.**

**Schedule  
1:00 – 1:05 -** Book Updates:  
**1:05 - 1:50** –Sharing:  Participants share writings/members impart responses—reactions, and recommendations.  
**1:50-2:00 –**Discussion Topic**:**Analogies(Share analogies from books you read.)**2:00** – Wrap-up, announcements, meeting dates, and future writing suggestions.  
**2:05** –Meeting open for visiting.  
Writing Suggestion**:** What is a story behind your favorite recipe?Who, when, where, why, how?  
*Remember, this is only suggestions. Write what interests you or share a piece on which you are working.*

**Future Writings and Topics**:  
Writing Suggestion**:**Words to live By—Pick a word. What does it mean in your life? How does it shape your life?How has it improved your life? **challenge, adventure, create, change, love, responsibility**  
 February Discussion Topic**:** Analogies

Meeting dates for your calendar: February 3, 17—March 3, 17, 31.  
Happy writing; See you on February 3rd.

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**\*\*Writing Tip: Resist the urge to explain. (RUE)**

And…Notes from the Meeting  
Ten ladies (writers) attended the January 20th zoom meeting. **Book Updates:** Debbie sent her book to the Giants organization and is waiting for a reply.

**Member's Share:**  
**Great sharing of quote interpretations.  
Peggy, “Life if not a dress rehearsal.” So descriptive. We saw her neighbor take a break, sit at the table, and drink tea from a beautiful China cup. Her sharing said, “use the company silver, Sunday clothes, and fine jewelry every day.” So true.  
With the Buddha quote, “The trouble is, you think you have time,” Marje encouraged us to do it now. Wise words.**Cindy tries to live by a quote from the Bible about helping others. It guided her and her husband’s lives, and Cindy shared the many volunteer activities they pursue**. Inspirational.**Jan used a Socrates quote, “The unexamined life is not worth living,” to explain why she writes and continues to learn more about writing. Describing writers, Jan said, “They also see things that are there but see them in a fresh way.” Loved your description.  
Debbie shared a few excerpts from a rough draft of a possible book for Martin Luther King Day—two boys on a bus. Great concept.

*Keep Writing! Love the shared writings. We are a talented group of ladies.*

And…Our Topic  
Debbie’s story prompted a discussion of the innocence of youth and race.  
Also a great informal discussion of wearing diamonds with blue jeans. (Had to be there to understand this one.)

And… Authors

Happy Chef

*I’m a dynamic baker,  
Just look at my cake!  
‘Course it fell in the middle—  
A minor mistake.*

*And sample my cookies,  
They’re charred but, you’ll see.  
They still taste like chocolate—  
Just slightly crisp.*

*And please try a muffin;  
The recipe is new.  
The dough wouldn’t rise,  
So it’s blueberry goo.*

*It’s not how the cooking book  
Said it would be,  
But it’s new and it’s better—  
Just try you’ll see!*

*I’ve unearthed my calling;  
It’s easy as pie!  
You’d just never guess  
It’s my very first try.*

Excerpt “Suzie Bitner was Afraid of the Drain”  
By Barbara Vance