

**Alpha Kappa Chapter
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**

**Founders' Day Luncheon
May 20, 2017 Elks Club
Submitted by Rhonda Work**

Members present: Jacque Clemens, Ragina Davis, Carole Jo Hardiman, Monica Hayes, Dawn James, Susan Vinson, Susan Womble, Rhonda Work, and Gale Workman.

Founders' Day: Sharon Simmons, Beta Phi, called the meeting to order and introduced the Founders' Day Remembrance. Eight members from the four chapters read a section on the progress of women since the founding of the society. Each section was a letter to two of the founding sisters as a "thank you" for setting the stage for so many accomplishments by women over the decades.

Awards: Sharon Simmons introduced each of our scholarship recipients: Woodbery Scholarship – Katrina Roddenberry from Alpha Lambda Chapter; Grants-in-Aid – Lindsey Bembry attending FSU and Danielle Davis attending FAMU. Hilary Flournoy from Flagler College was unable to attend the luncheon.

Susan Womble, Alpha Kappa, was introduced and announced that the chapter was awarded the Outstanding Achievement in Chapter Communication at the Mu State Convention. Only two chapters in District 1, Alpha Kappa and Delta Theta in Bonifay, received this recognition. Susan gave all the credit for the award to Connie Lewis, Alpha Kappa's Communication Chair. Susan indicated that "Connie had worked diligently on this award and her individual effort was phenomenal." Unfortunately, Connie could not be at the luncheon as she was recovering from surgery. Great job, Connie.

Luncheon: Following the saying of the blessing by all, the scholarship recipients and our guest speaker were invited to start the buffet line. As always, the Elks Club provided a generous and scrumptious lunch.

Speaker: Sharon Simmons introduced our guest speaker, Geri Hatcher, Mu State President. Geri spoke about involvement in Delta Kappa Gamma and offered a number of suggestions for active participation, including the statement, "People support what they help to create."

Geri illustrated her point by telling how her own involvement with DKG grew over the many years that lead up to her election as Mu State President. She credited the love and support of her DKG sisters for getting her through the past year during her husband's illness. Geri encouraged all of us to involve each of our members in creating strong chapters, which will make our Society strong internationally.

Closing: Following a very successful raffle which raised \$169.00 for our scholarship funds, members closed the meeting with the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma song.