

**Alpha Kappa Chapter**  
**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**  
**BBC Initiation Luncheon, Elks Lodge, Tallahassee**  
**Minutes of the November 3, 2018 Meeting**  
**Submitted by Connie Lewis**

**Call to order at 11a.m.:** Sharon Simmons, President of Beta Phi, welcomed members to the Initiation.

There were 38 members from the 3 chapters in attendance.

**Attending from Alpha Kappa:** Ruth Bickel (initiate), Gina Daniels, Monica Hayes, Melanie Hester, Delores Hudson, Connie Lewis, Lisa Phillips (initiate), Nancy Rosenbaum, Susan Vinson, Nancy Watson, Jean Williams, Rhonda Work, Gale Workman.

**Initiation:** The ceremony was conducted by the three chapter presidents: Nancy Watson, Alpha Kappa; Dianne Driggers, Alpha Lambda, and Sharon Simmons, Beta Phi. Eight women were initiated.

From Alpha Kappa – Ruth Bickel, Lisa Phillips

From Alpha Lambda – Amy Gaylord, Amanda Heller, Melissa Jackman, Molly Jones

From Beta Phi – Julie Baisden, Collene Holdcraft

Alpha Lambda will induct 3 more new members in December and have 2 members who are re-instating.

Alpha Kappa will induct 1 more new member in December and has one transfer member.

**Lunch:** Nancy Watson led the group in saying the blessing before lunch. The meal was delightful, a selection of veggie, shrimp or chef salads. The salads were complemented with wonderful homemade rolls and completed by a yummy peach cobbler. Tea and coffee were available.

**Chapter Updates:** The chapter presidents shared information about their activities and projects.

**Alpha Lambda:** The chapter will celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> birthday in January. In February, they will participate in Heart Health month. They are investigating establishing a Florida future educators' association. They annually participate in supporting the Young Actors who will perform Willy Wonka in February, the funds from which will go to leadership and the TCC eagle connection.

**Alpha Kappa:** The chapter hosted a DKG world fellowship scholar, who was studying at USF. Several of the members attended the Leadership Seminar and the Fall Workshop.

The chapter has helped support the Lundquist Scholarship house in the Southern Scholarship Foundation at FSU by "Packing the Pantry". For 4 years, books have been donated to the ELC books program "My First Books". In September, members attended an active shooter training at the Leon Co. Sheriff's Office. In addition, members of the chapter are mentoring TCC journalism students as they write professional profiles for the members as part of a class requirement. And, Alpha Kappa will celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> birthday in June, 2019.

**Beta Phi:** The chapter is working with Thomas University to collect plastic lids so that "buddy benches" can be placed in all elementary and middle schools in Thomas County, GA. Members have participated in dinners to promote Human Trafficking awareness. Robin H. Thompson, an attorney, kicked off the initiative by presenting a program about STAC (Survive and Thrive Advocacy Center). On Jan 12, 2019, the chapter will have a pot luck dinner from 11:30-1:00 at St. Stephens Lutheran Church, 2198 N. Meridian Rd., Tallahassee. The purpose is to learn about human trafficking and the efforts that women in faith-based groups are spearheading.

Note: DKG has an emergency fund for storm damage. The funds are modest but would help to restock foods lost due to power outages. Forms can be found on the DKG International website.

**Raffle:** Items and gift cards were donated, members purchased tickets, and Gale Workman, Alpha Kappa, conducted the drawing for the gifts. The fund raiser drew \$244.00 for support of scholarships and grants-in-aid. Thank you, Gale.

**Closing:** The meeting adjourned with the group singing the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

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### Chapter Meeting

A brief chapter meeting was held after the Initiation Luncheon concluded.

Of note:

- Delores Hudson, chair - the plans for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration are moving along.
- Gale Workman, chair - There are no new World Fellowship Awards this year in the Florida.
- Gale Workman - The TCC Journalism Project interviews have nearly been completed.
- Products were delivered on October 24<sup>th</sup> to the Scholarship house. The recipients were most grateful to receive the "Pack the Pantry" goods.
- Monica Hayes, chair - Books were gathered at the Initiation and Monica reminded members to bring books to the December meeting, the final collection for this year's ELC My First Books Program.

- Accolades: Nancy Watson thanked Rhonda Work and Connie Lewis for all their efforts in helping to prepare for today's Induction Ceremony. Lisa Phillips and Ruth Bickel were welcomed into Alpha Kappa
- Announcements: Shelby McCrackin, niece of Helen Flagg, has reached out about joining our chapter. Someone from the chapter has contacted her about becoming a member.
- Next Meeting: December 6, 2018 at Jo Ann Arnett's home – induction of Patti Brownstein, cookie exchange and fellowship. Members should bring a snack to share, books for ELC and Pantry items for the Scholarship house.

Everyone have a Happy Thanksgiving and remember the victims of Hurricane Michael.