

**Alpha Kappa Chapter
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Big Bend Coordinating Council
Founder's Day Luncheon Minutes
May 18, 2019
Submitted by Nikki Abels**

Call to Order: 6:22 p.m.

Call to Order: 11:11 a.m. by Michele Runo, Iota Chapter who chaired the meeting.

Members Attending: Nikki Abels, Jacque Clemons, Gina Daniels, Alice-Ann Darrow, Carole Jo Hardiman, Delores Hudson, Dawn James, Connie Lewis, Lisa Phillips, Nancy Rosenbaum, June Townsend, Susan Vinson, Nancy Watson, Rhonda Work, Gale Workman

Introductions: Michele Runo introduced the District Co-Directors Kathy Diesner and Linda Wunderly. They reminded the group of the District 1 Meeting to be held Jan. 25, 2020, in Marianna, FL with registration, fellowship and light breakfast foods beginning at 8 a.m. The meeting will officially start at 9 and end after lunch. They encouraged all to attend if possible. The theme is "No Stopping Us Now". They also reminded us that in-service credit is available through PAEC with prior registration. Nancy Henning was congratulated on her election as DKG Florida's President.

The fall meeting on September 20-21, 2019 will be held in Lake Mary, Florida. We will be celebrating DKG's 90th birthday.

Founder's Day Ceremony: Sharon Simmons introduced several members who read letters from each decade to our founders. It was quite lovely and informative of all the events that have happened since the founding and DKG and how these events have shaped who and what we are.

Necrology Ceremony: Two of Alpha Kappa's members passed this year and a current member honored each. Tributes were presented by Rhonda Work for Cecilia Hack and Susan Vinson for Marie Land.

Scholarship Recipients: Sharon Simmons introduced our recipients. There were 17 applicants for the Grant-in-Aid Scholarships. De'Keria Hunter from FAMU, Shelby Lueck from Flagler College and Racheal Zauche from Flagler College were the final recipients. The Woodbery Scholarship recipient was Bethany Bennitt from Flagler College.

A nice luncheon followed and was enjoyed by all.

Announcements: Sharon Simmons reminded the group that the deadline for dues this year is June 30.

Our District Directors reminded us that at the District 1 meeting, new District Directors would be elected. They recommended continuing co-directors.

Dr. Franchon Funk was recognized and received a certificate for her 50 years of membership. All 50+ year members who were present were recognized as well. Congratulations to all!

Sharon Simmons presented our District Directors with a thank you gift for their hard work.

Rhonda Work reminded us to make a contribution, if we wish to, to the Elks Club wishing well.

Raffle: Our raffle was held and four lucky members received gift cards. The raffle raised \$190.00 for grants-in-aid and scholarships.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.