

**Alpha Kappa Chapter
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Dinner with the Lundquist House Girls
September 24, 2019
Submitted by Nikki Abels**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Nancy Watson at 7:10 pm.

Members in Attendance: Nancy Rosenbaum, Susan Vinson, Rhonda Work, Dawn James, Felecia Jordan Jackson, Lisa Phillips, June Townsend, Nikki Abels, Ginny Densmore, Patti Burnstein, Janie Register, Delores Hudson, Susan Womble, Gale Workman, Nancy Watson.

Hostesses: Karina Estrada, Ely Box, Nina Gomez, Grace Grissom, Khloe Henry, Corinna Gross, Asia Lavender, Skylar Mercer, Sharice Gabriel, Yuliza Abreu, Melissa Alcime, Sashia Mayette, Branda Rayo, Dayjah Aristilde, Gia Coydell.

Thank you: Nancy W. (and all of us) thanked the ladies of the Lundquist house for allowing us the opportunity to visit, meet them and enjoy a wonderful dinner with them. There was plenty of food to go around many times over. The ladies were very grateful for the opportunity as well.

Sharing: Nancy W. shared a bit of information about the SSF. The homes are all in Florida at several different colleges. The students apply for acceptance at one of the houses and must meet academic and economic need standards to be accepted. It really is a wonderful organization. Nancy also encouraged the ladies, and us as well, to consider making contributions, which are more than welcome, to help defray expenses and expand the number of students who can be served.

The students were asked to introduce themselves and share what being at the Lundquist house has meant to them. They were all grateful for their rent being covered, which allowed them to be able to afford things they may not have been able to acquire. However, as each lady spoke, it became evident that the house means much more. They spoke of friendships they have made, support they get from one another, respect for personal space, growing as a person, learning how to cook, sisterhood, and developing a true sense of community. For several, they are the first person in their family to attend college.

For me personally, all the ladies were very special in their own way. They were certainly delightful and most willing to share with us at the dinner table. After meeting these ladies, I am sure they will all have a very positive impact in the world. Several members then shared their experiences living in a SSF house during their college years as well. Nancy W. even met her husband and they have been married almost 48 years.

Nancy again thanked the ladies and let them know we would be “Packing the Pantry” again next semester. Susan W. suggested that the ladies provide us with their “wish list”. (You should have received a copy of that from Nancy W. already.)

Business:

Treasurer: There was no report, but Rhonda said we are just fine and okay.

New Members: Delores reported on the four prospective members who have applied. A vote was then held.

Social Activity: Delores reminded us that we are still on for our December 22, 2019 activity at Theatre Tallahassee. The play is the *Christmas Carol*. We will be attending the matinee at 2 pm. She will take payment until Friday 9/27 of this week. Please plan to attend.

SSF Lundquist House: Felicia was inspired by these ladies as we all were. It was wonderful to learn about the house and what it has offered the ladies.

ELC: Nancy reminded us that we are still collecting books (from pre-k to older children).

Nominating Committee: Dawn reported we need the full slate of candidates by December. There is only one position that hasn't been filled yet-President Elect. At the meeting Janie Register volunteered to step in. So now the slate is complete. Thank you, Janie.

Fall Workshop: Nancy W. reported that the workshop went very well. Our members did their jobs superbly, as usual. Rhonda expressed thanks to our members who were able to fill in as needed to help her with registration. Nancy also reminded us that a recap of the workshop is in the President's section in the October newsletter and encouraged us all to read it.

Smile.Amazon.com: Delores shared that if you shop on Amazon to go to this website first. You buy items as you always have, but then you have the opportunity to designate our DKG to receive a donation for each item you order.

District Meeting: Nancy reminded us that the district meeting would be held January 25, 2020 from 8-noon in Marianna, Fl.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be October 12, 2019. This is the new member orientation. It will be held at Leroy Collins Public Library from 10-11:30. She also encouraged all members to attend.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.