

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Alpha Kappa - Florida Mission Statement

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

**Newsletter – July, 2020
Prepared by Connie Lewis**



President's Message – Nancy Rosenbaum

It is a great honor to be stepping into the role as Alpha Kappa Chapter's President of Delta Kappa Gamma! I am thankful for the confidence that my AK sisters have in me to lead our chapter for the 2020-2022 biennium. While I know we are living in difficult times, it's my hope that we may continue our sisterhood and fellowship from afar in the coming year, until it is safe for us to come together again. I encourage each of you to remain active and stay as connected as possible.

With changes to our daily lives comes the challenge of finding a new way for our organization to meet, serve, participate in educational programs, and socialize. We will be looking for creative meeting ideas and programming in the coming months and I sincerely hope that you will share with us any ideas you may have.

Summer is moving along swiftly! Before we know it, a new academic year will be underway. While the world of education is a much different place than it was 6 months ago, I know we will persevere as Key Women Educators!

I wish the best for all our members and pray for the health and safety of each of you, your families, and your friends.

Thank you for your help!

TOGETHER, WE CAN!

Alpha Kappa Executive Board 2020-2022

President: *Nancy Rosenbaum*

- **Past President:** *Nancy Watson*
- **President-Elect:** *Janie Register*
- **Vice-President:** *Ruth Bickel*
- **Recording Secretary:** *Nikki Abels*
- **Corresponding Secretary:** *Melissa Olson*
- **Treasurer:** *Rhonda Work (Appointed by President)*
- **Communication Coordinator and Webmaster:** *Connie Lewis (Appointed by President)*
- **Parliamentarian:** *TBA (Appointed by President)*



We would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to **Nancy Watson** for her competent leadership of the Alpha Kappa Chapter over the past two years. You have represented us well, provided information in a timely manner about all events and issues that were relevant to the operations of our chapter. You have answered questions, provided interesting programs, and lead by example to represent what a Key Woman Educator should be.

We look forward to your continued counsel and mentoring in the years to come. You have served us well and we are proud to have had your leadership in moving our chapter toward growth in educational leadership and appreciate your example as a role-model for becoming instrumental in Delta Kappa Gamma.

Zoom 2 Meeting- May 26, 2020

Top Row: Nikki Abels, Susan Vinson (host of the meeting), Monica Hayes, Nancy Watson
Row 2: Sally Roberts, Connie Lewis, Rhonda Work, Nancy Rosenbaum
Row 3: Jean Williams, Alice-Ann Darrow, Ginny Densmore, Gale Workman
Others attending (not pictured) Nancy Henning, Delores Hudson



A business meeting was held (See details in the May 26th minutes submitted by Nikki Abels) followed by social interaction to share how individuals are using their time during this pandemic. We thank Susan Vinson for hosting this session and to all members who participated.

2020 Educational Grants & Professional Development Awards

The Foundation increased the total amount of funds to \$10,000 for this cycle to support the professional development of Florida Educators and fund projects that will impact student education throughout the state.



The 2020 Professional Development Award supports currently employed Florida educators by providing funds to attend professional development seminars, workshops, lecture series, on-line courses, or other non-degree program opportunities. A Professional Development Award was given to our own **Jennifer Guarraia**, Trinity Catholic School, Tallahassee, FL, “Get Your Teach On” National Conference Orlando, FL, June 28-July 1, 2020.

The 2020 Educational Grant provides funding for educational projects that impact Florida students. Funds may be used to cover costs associated with the project implemented in Florida schools and/or communities. An Educational Grant was awarded to our own **Janie Register**, Ft. Braden Community Center & Tallahassee Museum, Tallahassee, FL, Winter 2020-Spring 2021 Activity: “123, Community Helpers are We!”



Welcome New Transfer Members

Laura Casto became a member of Iota chapter in 2018. She recently transferred to Alpha Kappa. She is a Media Specialist at Griffin Middle School.

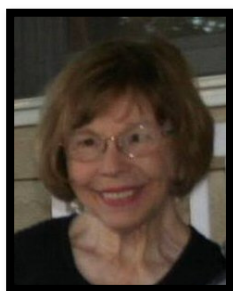


Dr. Nancy Henning was initiated into DKG, Iota Chapter in 1988. She has served in many positions since that time. Currently, she is the President of Florida State (formerly Mu State). She joined Alpha Kappa this year. She is the Site Coordinator at Leon County Schools.

Diane Johnson joined Iota chapter in 1985. This year she transferred to Alpha Kappa. She is retired from the Leon County Schools.



In Remembrance



Mrs. Myra Hodge Ponder, 77, went to be with her Lord and Savior Monday, May 25, 2020.

She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, an organization of women educators. During her many years with Delta Kappa Gamma, Myra served as president and treasurer of the local chapter. She also served as the treasurer of Mu State, the Florida state organization, and was editor of The Florida Rays newsletter. She served on various committees within these organizations.

Emily Ruddell – Beta Phi

Emily Ruddell’s **husband, John**, passed away Saturday 6/6/2020. Please keep Emily and her family in your thoughts and prayers.



About Staying at Home

- * Half of us are going to come out of this quarantine as amazing cooks.
- * I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.
- * Went to this restaurant called THE KITCHEN. You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have no clue how this place is still in business.
- * Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
- * So, after this quarantine, will the producers of My 600 Pound Life just find me or do I find them?
- * I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks we'd go from Standard Time to the Twilight Zone.
- * This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog; we laughed a lot.
- * I'm so excited --- it's time to take out the garbage. What should I wear?
- * I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to "Puerto Backyarda" I'm getting tired of "Los Livingroom".
- * Day 3 of Homeschooling: My child just said, "I hope I don't have the same teacher next year".... I'm offended.
- * Day 4 of Homeschooling: One of these little monsters called in a bomb threat.
- * My favorite: I saw the young mother next door scraping the "my kid is a terrific student" sticker off of her car bumper. I guess the first week of homeschooling didn't go so well.

REMEMBER, NO STORM LASTS FOREVER. HOLD ON, BE BRAVE, HAVE FAITH. God is with us always . . . and, We Have Each Other.



*#stayhome
#staysafe
#staypositive*



**Zoom with
family and
friends**