

**Delta Kappa Gamma District I Meeting
Alpha Kappa Chapter
March 3, 2018 – Raa Middle School
Tallahassee, Florida
Report Submitted by Connie Lewis**

8:30 Registration and Breakfast Buffet

Members attending from Alpha Kappa – Sandy Byars, Gina Daniels, Charlotte Hoover, Delores Hudson, Dawn James, Connie Lewis, Janine Schwall, Susan Vinson, Nancy Watson, Susan Womble, Rhonda Work.

9:30 General Session – Media Center - The session was called to order by District I Director, Donna Heald. **Theme:** *“Teachers are Artists of Human Potential”*

There were 76 in attendance, representatives from the chapters in the district as well as many Mu State officers. Carol Anne Casey the current Mu State President made a few remarks before Rhonda Work, Alpha Kappa and President of the Big Bend Coordinating Council presided over the chapter roll call. Each out going and incoming president by chapter was introduced and each chapter’s current community projects were identified.

It was announced that District IV will have a new Chapter Delta Nu, and another is being formed in the Villages.

The **Mu State Committee Reports** followed with many items of interest noted:

- Leadership workshop forms available at meeting with Sandy Byars taking application photos
- for those who would like to apply.
- Dr. Nancy Henning announced she had available forms to apply to present at the fall workshop and to seek state committee appointments.
- Dr. Deanie DeFelix made the By-laws report and noted that any changes for 2019 must be submitted by November 1, 2018. The forms are on the Mu State website.

The candidates for District I and Mu State Nominations were introduced and some background was given on each. After lunch the results were announced as follows:

District I Directors: Linda Wunderly – Phi Chapter and Kather Diesner – Delta Theta will work as a team for the 2018-2020 term.

Mu State Nominations Committee - Clancy O-Donnell – Beta Lambda was elected to the committee.

11:00-12:50 District Workshops

The New Chapter Presidents Training and Treasurer’s workshops were conducted during this time.

The member workshops included emphasis on leadership, recruiting and involving members, legislative matters and our role, using social media to promote your chapter, seasoned teachers sharing

with newer teacher their experiences in the educational environment, and information on the Oasis Center for Girls.

1:00 Lunch and Program

Delightful box lunches from Jason's Deli of wraps, turkey and ham sandwiches with sides were enjoyed by all members during the program.

Emily Ruddell, Beta Phi, introduced Wafa Elsaka also Beta Phi who spoke on The Guernica Children's Peace Mural Program. Wafa is an art teacher at Hartsfield Elementary. She is originally from Gaza. With a powerpoint presentation she explained how her students, in collaboration with other schools in other countries i.e. Nagasaki, develop peace murals which are 25 ft. x 12 ft. These murals when finished are shipped to places where they are displayed as a part of the program. The program began in 1995 and has 300 different countries participating. She states that children are delicate like butterflies. This project promotes thinking about promoting peace within themselves and with others.

Wafa shared one of the murals the children had made as well as prepared a canvas for us to participate in starting one for our chapters. We were given the opportunity to complete a segment of the canvas or to take one home to make to send back to be added to the work-in-progress.

This program has involved high school student as well who can earn service hours toward graduation by participating.

Mrs. Elsaka has traveled to Japan where she participated in mural displays from many countries. Her talk was inspirational and informative. If any of our teachers are interested in getting their students involved, contact Donna Heald and she can put you in touch with Mrs. Elsaka.

Raffle Beautiful baskets were created by each chapter. The amount raised was \$620.00 which will go to various groups – Emergency Fund, International Scholarship Fund, World Fellowship Fund, DKG Educational Foundation, Golden Gift Award.

Announcements: Donna Heald made us promise to read the many constitutional amendments that will be published in the next RAYS. Alpha Kappa was recognized for receiving the Communications Award at the Spring State Conference.

After singing the DKG song, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Reflections: What a wonderful District I meeting. It was so relaxed, friendly, interactive, and truly sisterly. Cudos to Donna Heald and her team... genius. The decorations were simple but gorgeous. The timing of everything worked so well. The project information was included with the chapter president introductions; many great ideas were gathered at the sessions; and every activity was convenient to the central location, the media center. The breakfast room was perfect. ...a help yourself and the lunch was all we needed. Well done!