

**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 – February, 2021
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Member Highlight – Our President, Nancy Rosenbaum

Nancy is a 5th Grade Science Teacher at Florida State University Schools (FSUS). She received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a master's degree in Early Childhood Education, both from Florida State University, and has been teaching since fall 2006.



As a passionate science educator, she is involved with the National Science Teachers Association as a manuscript reviewer for the professional journal *Science and Children*, serves as the President of the Alpha Kappa Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, an International Society for Key Women Educators, is a member of the Board of Directors for the Challenger Learning Center of Tallahassee, chairs the Elementary Science Committee at FSUS, coaches the FSUS Student Astronaut Challenge teams, co-created the STEMinoles Summer Camp at FSUS, and holds the rank of FSUS Associate Professor.

Nancy also works in the FSU-Teach Program with the FSU College of Education, Flagler College, and Gulf Coast State College. She mentors student teachers and supervises student interns. It is her desire to find unique ways to engage students in science, creating a life-long interest in the subject.

Nancy was honored as the 2014 and 2017 FSUS Elementary Teacher of the Year and was the 2013 and 2019 recipient for the FSUS Director's Award for Leaders Who Inspire. In addition, she was accepted to and attend the 2011 Mickelson ExxonMobil National Teachers Academy and received the 2018 June Scobee Rodgers Innovative Educator Award, presented by the Challenger Center. Nancy has been a member of Alpha Kappa since 2017.



Nancy has lived in Tallahassee for over 20 years since she moved here for college in 1997. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Kent. Together they enjoy nature. They like to go surf fishing at the beach, finding unique trails to hike, and watching the birds and butterflies in their yard. Nancy and Kent also have an 18-year-old dog named Lucy.



December 8, 2020– Holiday Social

Sixteen members attended and shared traditions, holiday foods, and activities of the season from the US and other countries e.g., Germany.

Examples below:

- 🌲 Ginger bread cookies for Santa
- 🌲 Watching last minute shoppers in the mall
- 🌲 Making candy, tradition in the North.
- 🌲 Electric trains as a kid, continued into adulthood. Train ran around the tree.
- 🌲 Advent calendars for everyone in family. Each day a different gift.
- 🌲 Tying Christmas tree to roof of car with 100 yds of rope that cannot be cut.
- 🌲 Differentiated boys' and girls' toys back in the day.
- 🌲 Participation in church plays and services.
- 🌲 Foods for Christmas – oyster stew (really?) lobster, pizza, deluxe fruit cake.
- 🌲 And the favorite of the kids – opening gifts one at a time (NOT); but the adults insisted so they could see what everyone got and from whom!



A toast was made with a shout of season's greetings and wishes for a happy and safe 2021.



Alpha Kappa Officers 2020-2022



• President: <i>Nancy Rosenbaum</i>
• Past President: <i>Nancy Watson</i>
• President-Elect: <i>Janie Register</i>
• Vice-President: <i>Ruth Bickel</i>
• Recording Secretary: <i>Nikki Abels</i>
• Corresponding Secretary: <i>Melissa Olson</i>
• Treasurer: <i>Rhonda Work</i>
• Communication Coordinator and Webmaster <i>Connie Lewis (Appointed by President)</i>
• Parliamentarian <i>Lisa Phillips (Appointed by President)</i>

- ✓ **Books for ELC – contact Monica Hayes**
- ✓ **Wish List for Lundquist House**
- ✓ **Volunteer for Committees**
- ✓ **Check website for updates**
- ✓ **Submit your Bio for the Key Women Educator section of the website**
- ✓ **Join us at Zoom chapter meetings**
- ✓ **Submit information for newsletter**
- ✓ **Be an involved member of AK**

Difficult Conversations on Race



Thank you, Dr. Monica Hayes, for facilitating the first workshops on Difficult Conversations on Race. There were nine of us who participated in the workshops. As educators, she thinks it is important for us to have a safe and supportive environment in which to discuss our thoughts and feelings, to ask questions, and to learn more about how we got where we are vis-a-vis race relations. These conversations focused on the topics related to cultural and linguistic competency, historical perspectives and information, and current anger and frustration, with the goal of bringing self-awareness and unity amongst us.

Monica provided a topical outline below. She is flexible if we want to add some other topics.

Awareness of beliefs and perceptions
What's this business about monuments?

Historical contexts-American history then and now
What does the data show?

Cultural and Linguistic Competency

These conversations are more effective done face to face, but due to COVID-19, the meetings will occur via Zoom. The number of meeting will be determined by the group. The first group to participate found this workshop to be very beneficial. Please contact Monica at drmonicaclc@gmail.com if you would be interested in being a member of the next group. You will not be disappointed!

The Mary Woodberry Memorial Fund Scholarship is a way for Delta Kappa Gamma members in the three Big Bend Chapters (Alpha Kappa, Alpha Lambda and Beta Phi) to expand their professional development through advanced educational opportunities. It is named in honor of the late Mary Woodberry, a distinguished English teacher, a longtime Delta Kappa Gamma member and leader. She was also a Mu-Florida State Founder. The details and application form can be found at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/FL-alphakappa/Events.html> . The scholarship award minimum shall be \$500.00. The deadline for submitting application is **March 1, 2021**.



FL DKG Educational Foundation announced in April that eleven fortunate Florida educators were granted awards or grants. There were 4 Professional Development Awards: Our own **Jennifer Guarraia** was a recipient. These recipients were able to attend their planned activity or rescheduled it for a future date due to Covid.

There were 7 Educational Grants: Our own **Janie Register** was a recipient.

These recipients will assess their situations, make adjustments, and notify the Foundation as the schools and communities reopen. The Florida DKG Educational Foundation is currently taking applications for the 2021 Professional Development Award and the Educational Grant. The Professional Development Award is available to currently employed Florida educators. The Educational Grant funds innovative educational projects implemented in schools and communities. It is available to current and retired Florida educators. Learn more about the Foundation, its competitive funding opportunities, and download an application by going to our website <https://www.fldkgef.org> . The deadline for receiving applications is **February 1, 2021**.



Calendar of Events 2020-2021

Date	Time	Place	Program	Hostesses/ AK Responsibilities
2020				
Tues. Aug 11	7 p.m.	Zoom Meeting	Program: Installation of Officers Business Meeting	Installing Officer: Nancy Henning
Thurs. Sept 17	6:00 p.m.	Zoom Meeting	Program Lundquist House	Host: Nancy Rosenbaum
Sat. Sept 19	9-noon	Virtual Meeting, Florida	DKG Florida State Organization Convention	President: Nancy Henning
Mon. Oct 5th	6 p.m.	Virtual Meeting	Program: Health & Wellness	Ruth Bickel
Sat. Oct 24	10-11 a.m.	Virtual Meeting	Program: BBCC New Member Orientation	Presenters: Rhonda Work and Connie Lewis
Sun. Nov 15	3 p.m.	Virtual Meeting	BBCC Member Induction Ceremony	Officers Presiding
Tues. Dec 8	6-7 p.m.	Virtual Meeting	Holiday Social - Holiday Memories of traditions, special activities, foods, etc.	Nancy Rosenbaum
2021				
Jan. 19	6 p.m.	Virtual Meeting	SSF Lundquist House Ladies	Felecia Jordan Jackson
Sat. Feb 20	10 a.m.		Legislative Meeting	
Mar. 11	5:30 p.m.	Virtual Meeting	Early Learning Coalition Meeting	Kara Palmer Smith – ELC Chief Operating Officer
Sat. May 15	10 a.m.		Founders' Day	Officers