

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Alpha Kappa of Mu State**

Mission Statement

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

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Member Applause – Ginny Densmore

Ginny Densmore came to Tallahassee from Chattanooga, Tennessee as a transfer student in 1959 and earned a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Music Education from the Florida State University School of Music. She taught elementary music at Sabal Palm Elementary School from 1961-1967 and the Florida State University School from 1967 – 1991. She was awarded District Teacher of the Year 1986-1987 and the Thirteen Year Club Teacher of the Year Award 2002. She became a member of the



Alpha Kappa chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in 1972 and served as President 1982-1984. Since retiring from teaching, she has served on the boards of the Capital City Music Club, the Tallahassee Music Guild (Gridley Award 2009), the Artist Series (Merit Award 2002), the Big Bend Community Orchestra (co-founded in 1994), and FSU's University Musical Associates. She has worked as a volunteer for the Tallahassee Symphony Society (O'Meara Award 2009) and St. Francis Wildlife Rehabilitation. She has played clarinet in the Capital City Band from 1966 – 2012, the Tallahassee Winds since 1997, the Big Bend Community Orchestra since 1994, the Big Bend Woodwind Quintet since 1995, and the All-Florida Community Band when performances occur. Ginny has been married to Gene Densmore since 1968 sharing many hobbies over the years including

photography, swimming, scuba diving, motorcycle riding, and flying a private airplane. She has also enjoyed his other hobbies including theater, amateur radio, and antique cars. They share their home with an out-of-control panda bear collection and two cats.

AK Board Meeting – January 21, 2017 Spring Project

Our new Spring Project “Stock the Pantry” is to support the Lundquist-Hovda Scholarship House at FSU along with its other sponsor, The Women's Network at Good Samaritan Church. We would like to collect items for the house at our April and July meetings. Items needed include: non-perishable foods, paper goods, cleaning supplies, gift cards, cooking utensils, trivets, dish cloths, etc. A more comprehensive list will be sent via AK email.



Congratulations to All AK Sisters – ELC Books

This year we broke last year's record by collecting 156 books that were given to the Early Learning Childhood "My First Book" Project. The Tallahassee Democrat ran an article in The Chronicle Section (below) promoting our efforts to help in the community. Thank you Gale Workman for composing the article and facilitating its publication.

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Gift of books promotes family literacy

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Two Leon County organizations partnered in December to give the gift of reading to dozens of young children in the Big Bend.

The Alpha Kappa Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (DKG) donated 156 books to the Early Learning Coalition (ELC) of the Big Bend Region.

The children's books were delivered to ELC's Leon County Service Center by Alpha Kappa Chapter members Nikki Abels, Susan Womble, Rhonda Work and Gale Workman.

DKG is a professional honor society for key women educators. With approximately 8,000 members in 17 countries, DKG promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Through ELC's My First Books program a book is given to each family who visits one of the seven ELC Family Service Centers in the Big Bend. "Giving Libraries" are located in each Family Service Center, and books are displayed so each child can choose a book of interest. Each year, the ELC distributes approximately 12,000 books to children in the Big Bend.

Alpha Kappa Chapter members, from left, Rhonda Work, Gale Workman, Nikki Abels and Susan Womble

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An Invitation to Alpha Kappa Sisters

Beta Phi chapter is pleased to present an opportunity to lunch and learn at the University Club at Doak Campbell Stadium. This event will be March 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and will include a buffet luncheon. The guest speaker will be Attorney Robin Hassler Thompson who will discuss human trafficking, especially as seen in the greater Tallahassee area. Following the luncheon and speaker, a guided tour of the new Champions' Club at the Stadium will be offered. Cost for this event is \$35.00 per person prior to February 15 and \$40.00 after that date. Deadline for reservations is March 20. Send checks made out to Delta Kappa Gamma to Rhonda Work at 3510 Lakeshore Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32312.



Upcoming Chapter Events

- Saturday, Feb. 18 2017 - 10:30 a.m. - Legislative Meeting, Westminster Oaks Pool House.
- Saturday, April 8, 2017 - 11:00 a.m. Program Presenter: Delores Hudson on *Bridging the Gap*, Delores Hudson's home. (Members bring a brunch item).
- April 28-30, 2017 – Mu State Spring Conference, Lake Mary
- Saturday, May 20, 2017 – 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Founders' Day Luncheon
- July, 2017 - 11:00 a.m. Summer Social.
- Spring, 2018 - District I Meeting.

Communications

- Send members' notices to Susan Womble for distribution. alphakappatally@gmail.com
- Send website notices to Connie Lewis. lewisc47@comcast.net
- Chapter Website - <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/FL-alphakappa/>
- Chapter Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Alpha-Kappa-Delta-Kappa-Gamma-International/412913988756695>
- Mu State Website - <http://dkgmustateflorida.weebly.com/>
- International Website - <http://www.dkg.org/>
- International Website - <https://www.facebook.com/dkgorg>