

**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, 2019

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President's Message – Nancy Watson

AK Sisters,

We are well on our way in 2019. This is the right time to make sure you are on your way to making the most of this new calendar year. As you plan your personal goals and activities, be sure that you remember the following dates in February for DKG AK:



Feb 11,12 - (Mon) The DKG Rally in Tally dinner & planning session. (Tues) Meeting with senators and representatives.

Feb. 23 - (Sat) Legislative Update at the Eastside Library, 1583 Pedrick Road.

(With a new governor and legislature, it is time to keep abreast and make our voices heard on educational issues.)

Welcome to our newest member, Patti Brownstein, who joins Lisa Phillips, and Ruth Bickel as new inductees in 2019, and Janie Register as a transfer to AK. We were saddened to lose Ceil Hack and Marie Land.

Don't forget that the Florida Rays is now available online. You can find it at this site:

https://dkgmustateflorida.weebly.com/uploads/5/4/9/6/54966277/florida_rays_winter_issue_2018-2019.pdf

Wow 2019 is busy already.

Nancy

Janie Register - Member Spotlight - Welcome New AK Member

Teacher Inspires Herself and Others to do Better.

For over 20 years Register has been teaching students with disabilities ranging in ages 3 to 21. In addition, she has also mentored student teachers through Florida State University's Teacher Education program and taught adjunct courses through FSU and Kid's Incorporated of the Big Bend.

Achievements include: Master's and Bachelor's Degree in Exceptional Student Education from Florida State University; Endorsement in Pre-Kindergarten Disabilities from the University of Florida; Envision Credit Union and Foundations for Leon County Schools Grant Recipient; National Board-Certified Teacher from 2003-2013; Wakulla Pre-K Teacher of the Year for 2007-2008 as well as Crawfordville Elementary School Teacher of the Year for 2003-2004.



As an educator, Register has had the opportunity to serve on both local and state level advisory councils including: Wakulla Pre-K; Crawfordville Elementary School; Oak Ridge Elementary School Advisory Councils and the Florida's State Advisory Committee for the Education of Exceptional Students.

While working at the Florida Department of Education, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, Register also contributed to the following publications: **Technical Assistance Paper** - Exceptional Student Education Eligibility for Infants, Toddlers and Prekindergarten Children, 2013 and **Developing Quality IEPs** - provided input regarding prekindergarten children with disabilities, 2015, as well as served as a presenter at the One Goal Summer Conference in 2014 and 2015.

Register feels her greatest accomplishment in education is building relationships with students and faculty alike. Both have kept her encouraged and inspired throughout her career.

She has met countless people over her 20 years in education. Her top priority is to ensure that each student, colleague and mentee feels included and valued. "Every student has inspired me as I hope to have inspired them," Register said. "The ones I teach and have taught will leave my classroom with a new found feeling of professionalism and yearning to learn more."

Register's students have helped her become more in tune with her work and career path, as well as her husband helping to keep her focused and motivated. Some of her hard times were aided by her husband's motivational talks and love through it all.

Rhonda Work, another associate of hers, has stated that the many times she has worked with Register that she has always left feeling like she learned something new or found a new passion.

"I found that whenever I met with her about a problem, she always seemed to know a solution," said Work. "She has never let any of her students or faculty down."

Throughout her career she has done many things for both families, students and faculty by helping them to improve their lives with career choices, guidance and many words of encouragement.

Rally in Tally Dates Have Changed – February 11-12, 2019

Purpose - to meet with our legislative senators and representatives to discuss educational issues. Represent DKG and let our voices be heard.

Contact person: Carrie Frye, Executive Secretary for DKG Florida, cfrye@att.net.

- ✚ Feb. 11 - Monday - Dinner arrangements and planning session: There will be a light dinner and organizational meeting at the home of Dr. Nancy and Bob Henning at 6 p.m.
- ✚ (If you wish to contribute, bring a savory or sweet finger food type item.)
- ✚ Feb. 12 - Tuesday – Participants will meet at 8:00 a.m. on the second floor of the FL State Capitol Bldg., rm. 216 with Carrie Frye.
- ✚ Let Carrie know asap that you will be attending the event. Send your name, email and cell phone number.
- ✚ Numbers matter!!! Encourage as many AK members as possible to attend.
- ✚ If you have topics for discussion with representatives or senator send them to Carrie so they can be considered during the planning meeting.
- ✚ Send all correspondence and questions to Carrie Frye at cfrye@att.net.

Expanding Visibility Electronically

Check out Delta Kappa Gamma on Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/46929906/the-delta-kappa-gamma-society-international/>

and Twitter

https://twitter.com/DKG_SI

Remembering . . .

Dr. Cecilia "Ceil" Marie Horsting Hack

May 8, 1926 – October 22, 2018



Dr. Cecilia (Ceil) Horsting Hack, 92, passed away on Monday, October 22, 2018 in Tallahassee, FL. She was born May 8, 1926 in New York City.

She was an educator who spent most of her career in South Florida. She received a Bachelor's degree from Queens College, a Master's degree from Northern Arizona University and a Doctorate of Education from University of Arizona. She developed and taught the "Time for School" program for kindergarten students on the local public television station in Miami. She was the Director of Educational Programs for the Head Start program in Dade County and was the principal of two elementary schools in Dade County. In the Panhandle area, she was an educational consultant working with the Florida Academy of School Leaders and the Panhandle Area Educational Consortium.

She was actively involved with the Florida Retired Educators Association, **Delta Kappa Gamma**, and was past president of both Phi Delta Kappa and Leon-Wakulla Retired Educators. She served on the Board of Directors for the Miami Mental Health Center, and the Academy of Community Education. She served as a Trustee of the Florida Retired Educators Foundation.

Ceil loved traveling and learning the cultures of others, traveling to Europe, South America, Egypt, Russia, and China. **Note: Member Alpha Kappa, transferred from Beta Zeta in 1987.**



Welcome Patti Brownstein – inducted at the December 6th holiday meeting.

President, Nancy Watson and President-Elect, Delores Hudson, inducted Patti Brownstein, while Ginny Densmore, Patti's sponsor, and June Townsend look on.

Pack the Pantry

Thanks to Felecia Jackson for arranging the delivery of our pantry goods to the Lundquist House on Jan 18, 2019. The house members were excited to receive so many supplies for their pantry, which helps to reduce their house bill.



ELC Book Delivery

Thanks to Monica Hayes for arranging the delivery of 254 books, January 31, 2019 to the Early Learning Coalition. **We beat our total from last year!** The ELC had just donated 800 books to the Daniel Tiger visit to be held Saturday, so they were delighted to receive so many to replenish their numbers.



DKG Communication Award – Alpha Kappa received the Communication Award in 2017. We are gathering data now, which must be submitted in March, for the Award in 2017-2019. If you have any information related to your achievements, publications, educational contributions made during this time, please submit them to Connie Lewis, lewisc47@comcast.net. Also, we are looking for a member/s who would be willing to establish an Instagram and Twitter presence for Alpha Kappa.

AK Meeting Schedule - Mark your Calendars!

- Sat., February 23, 2019, 10:05-12:15 - Legislative Meeting (BBCC), Eastside Library.
- Mon., April 1, 2019, 6 p.m., Program Meeting, Melissa Olson "Sanford Harmony, A training on social and emotional development of students", June Townsend's home.
- Apr., 26-28, 2019 - Mu State Spring Conference, Orlando Marriott, Lake Mary, FL
- Sat., May 18, 2019 - Founders' Day (BBCC), Place/Time TBA
- Thurs., June 27, 2019 - Celebration of Alpha Kappa 60th Birthday
- July, 2019, 11:30 am, Summer Social, place TBA
- Sept 20-21, 2019 - Mu State Fall Workshop and Executive Board Meeting, The Orlando Marriot Lake Mary, FL

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NEW YEAR