



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.
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A Message from Ann Comforter, District I Director

Hello Ladies and HAPPY FALL!

I really enjoyed our Fall Executive Board meeting in September and we have an exciting new biennium coming. Our District I meeting will begin our new 2022 year. We are the first of the District meetings on January 22, 2022 in Port St. Joe. Registration and breakfast will begin at 7:45 a.m. CST at Port St. Joe Elementary School. If you haven't done so, please mark your calendar to attend. Our meeting will focus on a new beginning after the challenges of our chapters during the pandemic of 2020-2021. The day has been planned to offer a variety of Society presentations that will help us to rediscover and renew our energy in our organization.

Being aware of Covid-19 concerns, social distancing and uncertainty of what January will bring, I'm planning to have our entire meeting (except for the presidents' and treasurers' workshops) in the auditorium at Port St. Joe Elementary School. This will allow us plenty of room for social distancing and comfort. All of the "break-out" sessions will be presentations. Instead of going to a classroom for these sessions, the attendees will stay in the auditorium and you will be able to hear **ALL** of the presentations instead of choosing one or two to attend. This means that the committees will not be able to present the full 45 minutes, but will be limited to less time depending on how many workshops will be available.

I know this is a change from the usual format, but I want to keep all of us as safe as possible with social concerns and offer all the attendees a chance to see and hear everything and get as much information as possible.

Roxanne Burger: "Change is Healthy and Beautiful"

I will be sending registration forms, hotel information and nomination forms as soon as they are finalized. Nomination forms will be for your NEW Director and for the nominations committee, so look around your chapter for someone who you think would serve us well. In the meantime, here are a few reminders.

- Have your new slate of officers by January.
- Make plans for the new Chapter President and Treasurer to join you at the district meeting. Invite your members to come with you. It's for EVERYONE to enjoy.
- Prepare your basket; \$50 limit on basket supplies and the theme is "Let's RENEW" so use your imagination to renew your mind, spirit, endurance, etc.
- Remember: If your chapter is meeting in person, **invite me to your meeting** and I will try my best to be there.

Blessings to you all and I'm looking forward to our District I meeting on January 22, 2022 in our Historic City of Port St. Joe.





Member Highlight – Jennie Rollins

I'm simply a teacher who loved teaching and being with kids. After I got my Masters in Music Ed from FSU in 1975-76, I taught at Pineview Elementary - 1976-1978, at Belle Vue - 1978-1996 and then Swift Creek - 1996-2005. I was initiated in 1974 into DKG in Mt Pleasant, MI after six years of teaching Elementary Music in wonderful schools. I was following my mother, Doris Griffin Brown, initiated into DKG in AL during the early 1930's. She taught in AL, the Panama Canal Zone, Oxen Hill, MD, Englewood and Venice, FL. I have her pin. AK was a perfect fit for me new to Tallahassee: educators with a sense of humor! We were serious about our mission, but approached it with a smile and many laughs.

I moved to El Dorado Hills, California some time ago. Retirement is quite the journey! I'm fortunate to sing in Schola Cantorum at Sacred Heart Church (75% under 50 yrs), an auditioned choir of 40. I sing with our daughter Brooks Mancina, so it's a double reward! Dave, my husband, continues to play Bass Trombone in a symphony orchestra (with our SIL Peter) 4-5 quartets and quintets. Life is good!

Recently, I "turned in" my Substitute Teaching Card. It was difficult because I loved being with the Band kids from 5th grade through 12th. In 2010-11, I was encouraged to get my CA Credential. I began subbing in Eureka Schools Excelsior Elem and Olympus Jr Hi then added Ridgeview Elem and Cavitt JH with two amazing musician/directors. Adding El Dorado County to the mix was easy...from up the hill in Camino, Alternative Ed, lots of Elem and Jr Hi along US50 and then settling into El Dorado HS and on to Ponderosa HS. Subbing during the honeymoon week of the new El Dorado HS director was too much fun...hey this girl was on the field for football marching practice and saw amazing energy emerging from the sleepy heads really early in the morning. Watching AP Music Theory at Ponderosa HS challenge students (again in the room at 7:15 am) was daunting at times. I was blessed to have been asked to sub for kids who respected each other and me. I shall miss it beyond words. Last weekend I proctored an SAT test at NP3 in Natomas; again, it was so good to see kind and motivated students charting their next paths.

One of the reasons I considered subbing was the combination of teaching in schools in Michigan (7 yrs) and Tallahassee, FL (26 yrs) and the wonderful students through the years with parents who supported their singer musicians. From concerts at Belle Vue MS and Swift Creek MS, car wash and chocolate fundraisers, trips to Panama City Shipwreck Island, FVA Evaluations in Choral and Solo & Ensemble, ACDA Men's Choir, Concerts at First Baptist and Leon HS and a phenomenal trip to Disney World/Epcot!

I have seen so many success stories of students: beautiful families, amazing businesses, college degrees in many different fields and levels, and simply good people doing good things for others. It's been quite a journey. Now on to live music again with Schola Cantorum at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sacramento. When we get water again, we'll be out on the boat. And I'm going to be a grandmother in December!!



Being the Champions of Lundquist-Hovda House – Nancy Watson, Chair

Residents of the Southern Scholarship Foundation live rent free, but food, utilities, cable and internet are not free. Many students in the Foundation have little or no financial support from home, but a great desire to work hard and gain an education. House Champions provide little extras to help with expenses and provide a connection for community support that help to improve the quality of life for SSF residents.

Students who apply for and are accepted into the Foundation come from many different places and backgrounds, but all must show academic achievement and financial need. Champions are provided a student directory for their house to help get to know the residents.

For now, visits must be virtual, but we can “Champion” Lundquist House by helping to pack their pantry with paper goods, cleaning supplies, and food items. Alpha Kappa has a SignUp Genius with suggestions based on a **Wish List** created by the residents. This has been the primary way that we have supported the house, but there are also many other ways that members can “champion” the residents:

- Mentoring student (e.g., writing resumes, applying for grants and scholarships, etc.)
- Providing networking opportunities for students
- Helping students to make community connections
- Providing small appliances or furniture needs for the house
- Sending gift cards to use for house needs (e.g., printer ink, paper, first aid items, etc.)

Many items may be ordered online and delivered directly to the house: **Lundquist-Hodva House, 316-A Stadium Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32304.**

SSF Covid-19 policy prevents us from visiting the house at this time, but we can let them know that we are great Champions by showing our support through our contributions to help reduce the cost of running their house while they are working hard on their education. Members interested in mentoring a student or providing other opportunities should work through Felecia Jordan Jackson or Nancy Watson for ways to contact the residents.

Lundquist Ladies Wish List

Cleaning Supplies

- Disinfecting Wipes
 - Disinfecting Spray (multipurpose)
 - Trash bags (39 Gallon size and up)
 - Gloves (disposable)
 - Toilet Paper
 - Paper Towels
 - Fabuloso
 - Dish/Hand Soap
 - Sponges
 - Tupperware
 - Utensils
 - Pots/Pans
 - Aluminum Foil
 - Sandwich/Gallon sized Ziploc Bags
 - Carpet Cleaner
- Febreze
Bathroom Rugs
4 Air Wick Wall Plug-Ins



Any Food/Snacks (One Vegan/ One Gluten Free Person)

Blender

Gift Cards

- Chick fil A
- Publix
- Starbucks
- Target
- Bath and Body Works
- Sephora
- Ulta
- Papa Johns
- Walmart
- Shell Gas Card
- Tropical Smoothie Cafe
- Publix

Wall Decor/Art (We will accept any kind) (We like floral/motivational art)



Posters

Here is the link **SignUp Genius** where you will find items needed by the ladies. Thank you, **Gale Workman** for putting this together. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084dada629a7f49-lundquist1>

Classroom Needs Survey

Have a project that you are working on with your students? Need some supplies for your classroom? Alpha Kappa has some money to help! **ALL** AK members are welcome to apply to our Classroom Needs Survey! The survey will be open until the end of the month (Saturday, October 30th). [CLICK HERE TO APPLY!](#)



Florida DKG Educational Foundation commends Florida educators for their continued work in times of COVID – 19 and the Delta variant. With flexibility and professionalism, they strive to meet the challenges of the times

Recipient Update



Janie Register completed her project “1,2,3 Community Helpers Are We” for pre-K students at Ft. Braden School in Tallahassee. Due to COVID, students were unable to go on planned service-learning field trips. Instead, they made cards for local first responders. In addition, they created care packages for school maintenance, cafeteria and office staff. They sent Valentines to an assisted living facility and added flowers to the town community garden.

Your Board Hard at Work

Top Row: Nancy Rosenbaum- President, Connie Lewis – Communication Chair, Nancy Watson – Past President; Middle Row: Monica Hayes – President-Elect, Rhonda Work – Treasurer, Nikki Abels – Recording Secretary; Bottom Row: Lisa Phillips – Parliamentarian, Ruth Bickel – Vice President



Welcome to our new members. Please join us on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 3 p.m via Zoom to meet these new members!

Michelle Gayle

Assistant Superintendent, Professional and Community Services
Leon County School District

Allison Prater

Middle School Art Instructor
Florida State University School

Josephine Sandossi

Student Program Coordinator Specializing in the Field of ASL
Florida State University

Ninamarie Sapuppo

Secondary Math Instructor teaching Intensive Math
Florida State University School

Calendar of Events

- **Sunday, October 17, 2021, 3 p.m. BBCC New Member Zoom Orientation**
- **Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 6 p.m. Zoom Program Meeting with Ladies of the Lundquist House**
- **Saturday, November 20, 2021, 10 a.m. BBCC New Member Induction**
- **December TBA Holiday Program Meeting Nancy Rosenbaum Speaker**
- **January 22, 2022, District I Meeting AK will staff the Registration Table and Present the Founder's Day Tribute, Port St Joe Elementary School, Florida**
- **Date TBA, BBC Legislative Day**
- **May 14, 2022 BBCC Founder's Day**

SAVE THE DATE!

Virtual
“RALLY IN TALLY-2021”
WITH
***YOUR* Florida Legislators**

***Sponsored by
The Legislative Committee
of Florida DKG State Organization***

Tuesday, November 16, 2021
8:30AM-3:00PM
Via Zoom

Join us to hear from Florida Legislators on issues of importance to DKG members, and legislative proposals for the 2022 Florida Legislative Session.

You can join the conversation at any time throughout the day!

Registration for this event is required!

WATCH FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION TO COME SOON!

HAPPY FALL

