

**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 October-November 2023, Prepared by Connie Lewis

Website: <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/FL-alphakappa/>

Alpha Kappa Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/DKGFLAlphaKappa/>

President's Message – Monica Hayes



Hello Dear Sisters,

Kudos to the wonderful group of Alpha Kappa members who came to the BBCC's Induction event for new members. I felt proud of our chapter. I know we're all busy, so I really appreciated those who were able to make it.

Can you imagine, many of our members are calculating the first 9 - week grades already? Others may be beginning to think ahead to the major holidays that will soon be upon us. It matters not.

Alpha Kappa is on the move.

Our first meeting of the fall is scheduled for this weekend. We'll soon be meeting with master's level scholars living at the Lundquist Scholarship House. We're still collecting books for Corrections and coins for the World Fellowship program. Incoming president Stacy Thompson had scheduled a presentation for us on personal safety. And there will be more to come.

Please lend a hand. Sign up for a committee and help us make these efforts a success as well as those to come. You know the adage...Many hands make light work.

Hugs to you all.

Calendar of Events

- **Saturday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m. Thursday, October 19th at the Lundquist Scholarship House at 316-A Stadium Drive from 6:30-7:30 pm.**
- **November 30, 2023, 5:30 p.m. Lieutenant Maria Mercurio, Tallahassee Police Department - Personal safety/self-defense presentation, Northeast Branch Library, 5513 Thomasville Road**
- **Saturday, January 20, 2024 - District I Meeting in Tallahassee Fl at Trinity United Methodist Church, 120 W. Park Ave. Tallahassee, Fl 32301**
- **May 2024, Founders' Day**

Thank you to the following members for volunteering to serve on the Nominating Committee: Nancy Rosenbaum - chair, June Townsend and Gale Workman.

Important News from the Florida State Delta Kappa Gamma Fall Organization Meeting

- **Monica Hayes**

Credentials Report

170 registrants

154 in attendance

48 chapters represented

14 first timers

36 registered by cell phone

Overall, membership declined by 2%; anticipated that it would be a 5% decline.

The organization is at a crossroads, but leadership remains hopeful.



Beverly Stagg Treasurer

A measure passed in 2022 eliminating Induction Fees.

There was a budget adjustment in response to costs that increased, for example, an increase in software costs.

Some costs increased, others did not. Overall expenses were less than budgeted. There are reserves to cover if needed.

There are one half the number of members in the state than there were 15 years ago. This is a nationwide situation.

Bylaws Committee Report

The Bylaws approved in 2023. Request made for chapters to have representation on the Bylaws committee.

Communications Committee Report

A request was made for representation from the Chapters. Elinor Mount Simmons from District 1 had a display of samples of newsletters from District 1 chapters. **Dr. Hayes heard many oohs and aahs from those looking through Connie Lewis' handiwork.**

Leadership Seminar

June 16-19 Forms available online. Deadline April 6, 2024, \$150 fee

Several in attendance expressed consideration for the following: members who have already participated should not be excluded. Participant mix would be different as would elements of the curriculum.

There is a change in the Necrology form for Florida, not for International.

Media Committee

Nominations for new leadership are due.

Encourage members to apply for fellowships, grants, and other awards.

DKG Day at the Capitol

Our voices and input will be very important. **Meetings will be held in October and December.** Details are forthcoming.

World Fellowship Committee

Three million eight hundred six thousand dollars have been awarded since 1960 to one thousand women in one hundred twenty-two countries.

Florida

In 2023 15 women received \$4k each; 3 received 1k each and 8 received \$500 for a total of \$67k for 26 women in 23 counties.

Education Foundation

In 2017, 13 professional development awards were issued.
This year, 23 awards totaling \$30,153 for 7 grant recipients.

The deadline for applications for the 2024 awards is February 1, 2024

New Business

A motion was made and seconded for the dissolution of Alpha Sigma and Nu Chapters effective immediately. Approved

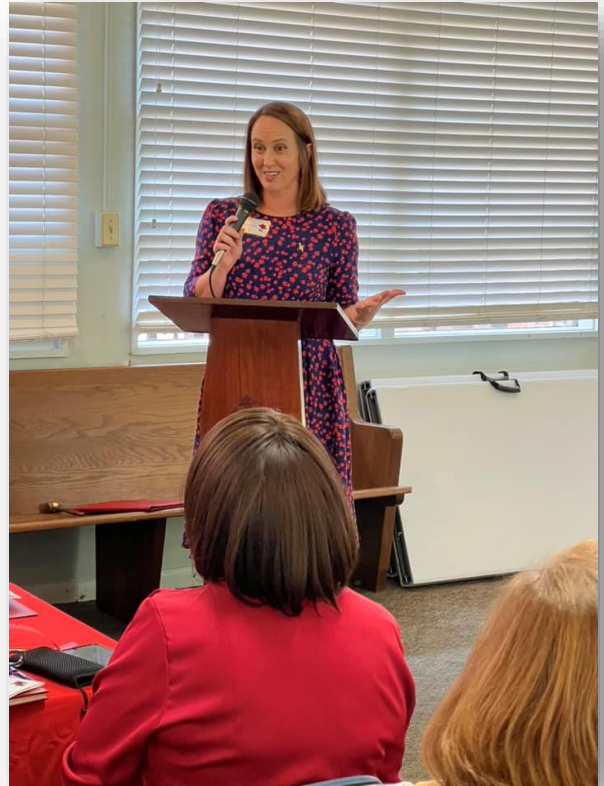
Motions were separately made to merge Alpha Beta and Beta Pi in District 2 and to merge Beta Psi with Beta Chi in District 4. Both were approved.

A motion was made and seconded to change the name of Beta Theta to Beta Theta Tampa Bay to facilitate access and location. This was approved by 2/3 of those present.

Delivery to Lundquist House - Nancy Watson reported that Shannon Biassou is again our liaison and Gabby Fortuna is now house manager. There are currently 15 ladies in the house this term. Felicia Jordan-Jackson will once again be working with Nancy. Thank you, Nancy for dropping off all these supplies to the house. The ladies were very excited to receive them.



Induction – Four new members from the three chapters were inducted at the ceremony on September 10th. Alpha Kappa inducted, Terri Sellers (pictured left below with her daughter and Monica Hayes, our president. Below, our District I Director, Sarah Watters (pictured right below), provided the address. Bottom picture, Terri lights a candle during the induction ceremony.



Chapter presidents preside over ceremony as inductees listen. Second picture, presidents with new members; third picture some of the Alpha Kappa members in attendance.



Fabulous District 1 Representatives at the State of Florida DELTA KAPPA GAMMA Executive Board Meeting - September 23-24, 2023, Orlando, FL



Thank you, Ginny Densmore for hosting our AK Meeting, September 30, 2023. Right, Nancy Watson addresses the group; left, members enjoy visiting and brunch.



MEMBERS ENJOY THE VIEW AT GINNY'S. JUNE TOWNSEND AND JOSEPHINE SONDOSSI VISIT WITH EACH OTHER, MEMBERS COME TOGETHER TO SING THE DKG SONG AND CLOSE OUT THE MEETING.



TIME FOR SOME SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY WITH THE LUNDQUIST RESIDENTS



Thursday, October 19th at the Lundquist Scholarship House at 316-A Stadium Drive from 6:30-7:30 pm.

The Plan

We need your help in feeding 15 hungry college students and our members. Members are encouraged to use the Sign UP Genius to help make sure we provide a variety and enough for the residents and the AK members attending.

The Objective

Getting to know the Lundquist residents and how we can help. These students have great academic records; are often first in their families to attend college; but lack the financial means they need.

We are their Champions!

Our job is to help them in any way we can! Bring cleaning supplies, paper goods, or dry goods for the pantry; offer to help finding internships, provide tips on budgeting, resumes, interview skills, etc.

Sign up to bring you favorite dish for a crowd and enjoy an evening with some amazing future leaders.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45AFA722A1FE3-44784444-lundquist>

