

**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, 2019

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President's Message

I just returned from another DKG Road Trip and have so much to tell you! The Fantastic Four (Delores, Nancy R. Rhonda, and I) drove down I-10 to I-95 to I-4 to the Marriott Hotel at Lake Mary, home to all things DKG Florida State! Upon arrival we went straight to work setting up the Registration Desk where weeks of work by our own Treasurer extraordinaire, Rhonda, reigned supreme for the duration of the gathering. And as you would expect, things went as smooth as silk!

As things progressed our own Nancy R was in great demand. She was asked to talk about her amazing professional development at Space Camp this summer at four different sessions! She is a natural at the microphone and is now famous throughout Florida State. She is considering her options for her next application for funds **and so should you!** There are funds to make your teacher dreams come true, and the Educational Foundation is ready to fulfill teachers' passions / dreams with their grants.

There was no choir at this meeting for our songbird, Delores, but that doesn't mean she was just hanging around. She provided smiles and scrutiny at the door of the Executive Board meeting and the 90th Birthday Lunch Celebration serving as a Page with the power to admit you or send you packing! We have become regular roommates at the Marriott!

I was also busy meeting with the District Committee on Communication as the District 1 representative. Our job is to keep you informed of DKG events, occasions, and news to make it easy for you to be informed on everything DKG. Privately, I was smiling inside because we (many thanks to Connie Lewis) are doing everything they suggested to provide an information network for chapters. We have our website (which you really should access for minutes, newsletters, photos of events, etc.), email (sometimes too much I fear), Facebook (thank you Susan Vinson and June Townsend), Twitter (that would be me occasionally), the USPS when needed, and the valuable word-of-mouth by members.

I also met with the Presidents of District 1 and our Directors to plan for the District 1 meeting. **Please put on your calendar January 25th at 8 am – noon CENTRAL STANDARD TIME at the Eastside Baptist Church, 4785 Highway 90, Marianna, FL.** We need to have a Caravan Road Trip to Marianna that day! Our new officers will receive training and there will be breakout sessions for both personal and professional development. This is really a must do because when you go on a Road Trip you get to talk and talk and talk to your fellow AK members. You learn so much, laugh a lot, and become more connected to the DKG family. If you do not believe me, just ask Delores, Nancy R, and Rhonda!

Here are more points of interest from the 2019 Fall Executive Board Meeting (in random order)

1. Gwen Graham was inducted as an Honorary Florida State member.
2. Florida State dues for collegiate members will be \$5.00.
3. Chapters wishing to have a table for sales that benefit their chapter at convention will be assessed a \$25.00 fee to cover the site cost of the use of the table.
4. 2020 is the year of the Jesslyn McBride Leadership Seminar. Applications are available on the FL State website.
5. Scholarship applications will be available soon, deadline is April 1.
6. Rally in Tally is scheduled for Feb. 10-12, 2020 with the meeting at the Rotunda on Feb 11.
7. The new Educational Grants (like Nancy R received) will now be as much as \$1000.
8. Beta Upsilon merged with Gamma Upsilon.
9. **Reminder:** All members should go to the International Website, sign in with your member number, update your personal data and select the types of information you would like to receive.
10. If you would like to serve as District 1 Director or Co-Director, I have an application and more details.
11. We have the New FL State Bylaws and Standing Rules. We need to work on our own Standing Rules to be sure they align.

So much to do and learn in just about 36 hours, 567 ½ miles, lots of friends, old and new, and such wonderful opportunities to participate with this dynamic organization that values education at every level, every stakeholder, and is invested in both present and future educational development of our youth through late in life learners.

**YOU SHOULD GO ON A ROAD TRIP
TO THE DISTRICT 1 MEETING IN JANUARY
& TO THE FALL WORKSHOP NEXT YEAR!**

Pictures: Left – Nancy Rosenbaum & Nancy Watson; Center – Nancy W., Rhonda Work, Nancy R., & Delores Hudson; Right – Induction of Gwen Graham into DKG Florida. Gwen is second from the right.



Florida Teacher of the Year Summit



The Commissioner of Education's Reception was held during the 2020 Florida Teacher of the Year Summit. In conjunction with the summit, the Florida Teacher Lead Network held their Alumni Round table with the current District TOYs. Both the FLTN alumni and the current TOYs are invited to the Commissioner's reception. In this picture is Melanie Hester (center) with Danielle Kerr, FSUS TOY for 2019 and a FLTN alumni, and Megan Crombie, the 2020 FSUS TOY, one of the state finalists and a new member of FTLN.

* TOY = Teacher of the Year

* FTLN = Florida Teacher Lead Network

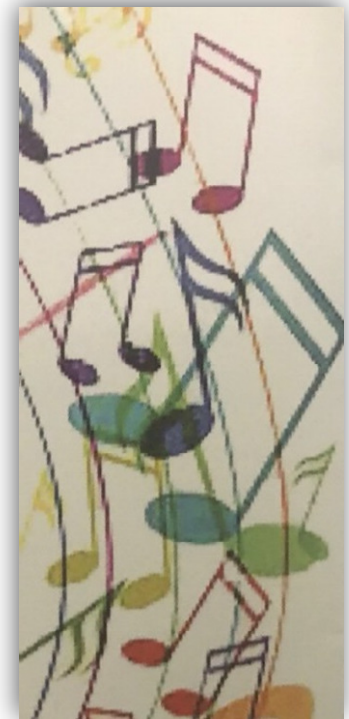
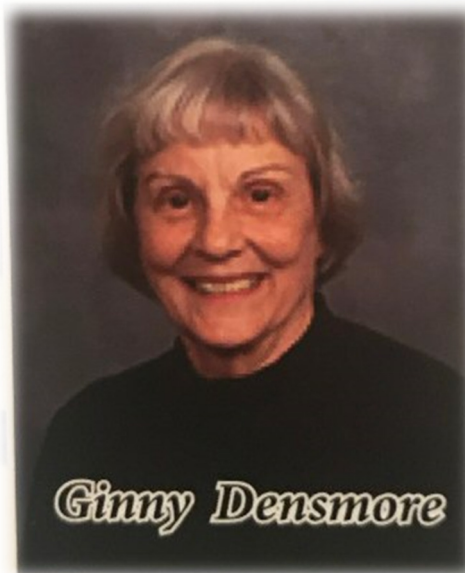
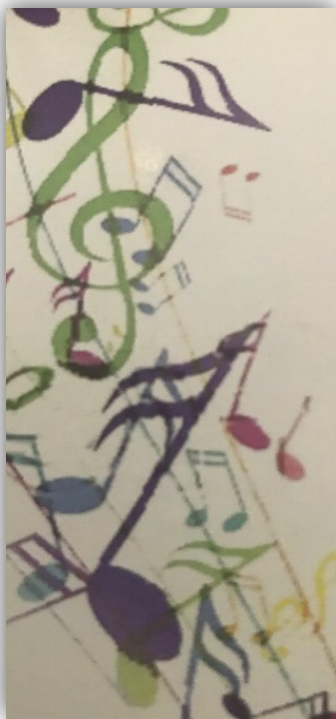


Chapter News

- Nancy Rosenbaum has agreed to be our President-Elect. Nikki Abels has volunteered to continue as recording secretary. Melissa Olson has agreed to continue as Corresponding Secretary.
- Dawn James will chair our nominating committee this year. Committee members are Carol Jo Hardiman and Jean Williams.
- Delores Hudson will chair our membership committee.
- Patti Casey is our new Treasurer-in training.
- Melanie Hester, Monica Hayes, and Ruth Bickel will serve on our new committee to study collegiate memberships.
- Connie Lewis announced that there is a new addition to our website. It is Key Women Educators at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/FL-alphakappa/KeyWomen.html> We would like all of our members to be represented in this section. Please check it out and send information to Connie so she can add you too!
- The membership list has pictures added this year so we can put names with faces. If you would like to send Connie a different picture or there is no picture beside your information, please send your picture to lewisc47@comcast.net.

About the Big Bend Community Orchestra and the Artist Series of Tallahassee Founders

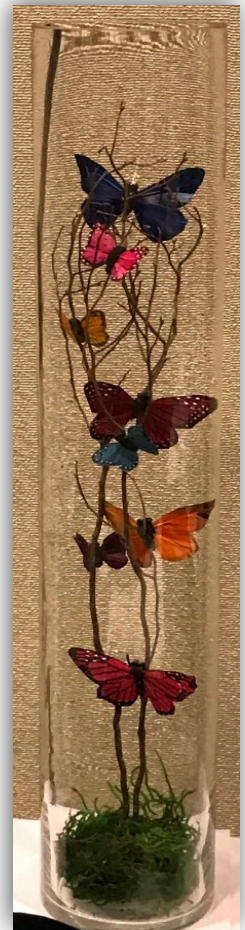
At the suggestion of **Ginny Densmore**, a retired elementary music teacher and clarinetist, Waldie Anderson, a retired university professor and performer, co-founded the Big Bend Community Orchestra (BBCO) with her in the spring of 1994. With the help of Carolyn Bridger, Waldie's wife and FSU music professor, The Artist Series of Tallahassee was formed in 1995 to provide the orchestra with a way to raise needed funds as well as to meet the need for performances of world class classical music for the community since FSU had dropped its series after many years.



In 2000 an Artist in Residence program was initiated by The Artist Series which reaches hundreds of school children. In 2007 the BBCO began its Young Artist Competition which provides local music students ages 7-18 a chance to compete to win prize money as well as chance to play a solo with the orchestra. In 2009 the orchestra formed its own non-profit 501(c)3 in order to free the Artist Series of its obligation to BBCO as the orchestra was now able support itself. The BBCO celebrated its 25th Anniversary in the spring of 2019, and The Artist Series is celebrating its 25th year during the 2019-2020 season. Waldie Anderson passed away in 2011 and Carolyn Bridger followed in 2014. Ginny Densmore currently serves as Historian on the BBCO Board of Directors and also volunteers in the Artist Series Guild which supports The Artist Series with fundraising efforts. Ginny has been a member of Alpha Kappa since 1972. For more information go to <https://theartistseries.org/>.

A Tribute to Anne Black

An Alpha Kappa Member Since 1961



A Symbol of Love

A butterfly lights beside us like a sunbeam
and for a brief moment, its glory and beauty
belong to our world.
But then it flies again,
And though we wish it could have stayed
We feel blessed to have seen it.

Others

Lord, help me live from day to day
In such a self-forgetful way
That even when I kneel to pray
My prayers shall be for Others.

Help me in all the work I do
To ever be sincere and true
And know that all I'd do for You
Must needs be done for Others.

And when my work on earth is done,
And my new work in Heav'n's begun,
May I forget the crown I've won,
While thinking still of Others.

Others, Lord, yes others,
Let this my motto be,
Help me to live for others.
That I might live for Thee.

*Anne was like the butterfly
we all have been privileged to
know.*

*She lived a selfless life
considering others first.*

*She always had a butterfly on
her shoulder.*

*Her butterfly pin collection
was displayed at her
celebration service.*

*Everyone in attendance, was
encouraged to take a butterfly
to have and to wear in her
memory.*

2019-2021 Florida State Officers

Congratulations to Dr. Nancy Henning from Iota Chapter in Tallahassee. She is the new Florida President of Delta Kappa Gamma and has a message for all members.



As we begin our new biennium, let's take a moment to reflect on how we did for the last two years. No tests, no papers, no observations, but a reflective look at ourselves.

Did you actively participate in your chapter's meetings?
Did you actively participate in your chapter's projects?
What about your district? Did you attend your district's meeting?
Did you offer a workshop?

When was your last state, regional, or international meeting? You already know where I am headed. Think back to the time you first began your DKG journey. Do you still have the enthusiasm you had then? If not, why? What can you do to shake up the journey to make it exciting again? (Excerpt from Florida Rays, Fall 2019)

Plan to Attend the District I Conference. We will be carpooling. It is a wonderful way to enjoy fellowship with others in our District and to get renewed for another year in Alpha Kappa, Delta Kappa Gamma.



**District I Meeting:
"THERE'S NO STOPPING US
NOW!"**

Saturday, January 25, 2020
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CST)
Eastside Baptist Church
4785 U.S. 90
Marianna, FL 32446

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or
Linda Wunderly
lindawund@hotmail.com

"TOGETHER, WE CAN!"

Chapter Meeting Schedule 2019-20

Date	Time	Place	Program	Hostesses/ AK Responsibilities
2019				
Aug 25 (Sun)	4:00-6:00pm	Ginny Densmore 9713 Waters Meet Dr	Program: Bet you didn't know this about me! (Bus Mtg) New Member recruits/FSU Teach	Hostess: Connie Lewis A - L
Sept 20-21 (Fri/Sat)	Fri PM/ Sat AM	Orlando Marriott Lake Mary, Lake Mary, Fl	FL State Fall Workshop & Executive Board Meeting	Attending: Rhonda, Delores, Nancy, Nancy Registration deadline 9/6/19.
Sept 24	6pm	Lundquist House 316-A Stadium Dr 32304	Program: Meet the Lundquist House members Covered dish with girls.	Everyone please bring a covered dish & pantry items
Oct 12 (Sat)	10-Noon	Leroy Collins Public Library 200 W Park Ave. 32301	Orientation of New Members – (BBCC)	AK – Rhonda Work & Connie Lewis
Nov 9 (Sat)	11:00-1:00pm	Elks' Lodge 276 N Magnolia Dr	New Member Induction Luncheon. (BBCC) Speaker: Nancy Henning, DKG FL President	AK - Chair event (candles, roses, induction book- table with symbols
Dec 10 (Tues)	6:00-8:00 pm	JoAnne Arnett 2102 Lake Forest Dr. 32303	Holiday Social & Cookie Exchange (Bus Mtg)	Please bring a snack and cookies to share. (containers)
Dec 22 (Sun)	2:00 pm	Theatre Tallahassee 1861 Thomasville Rd 32303	Social: A Christmas Carole	Organizer: Delores Hudson
2020				
Jan 17 (Fri) Tentative	AM/TBA	The Capitol	Social: World Fellowship/Fulbright Meet & Greet Tour of Murals on House Chamber Floor & lunch	Organizer: Gale Workman
Jan 25 (Sat)	8:00-noon	Dist 1 Mtg Eastside Baptist, 4785 Hwy 90, Marianna	District 1 Meeting – Breakfast/Reg 8:00-8:45 CST I-10 Exit #142 – North on Hwy 71	AK- New officers attend for training, all members encouraged to attend.
Feb TBA	10:30-noon	**BBCC	Program: Legislative Update (BBCC)	Pantry/Dry Goods for SSF Lundquist
Feb 25 (Tues)	5:30-7:30pm	Early Learning Coalition 2639 N. Monroe 32303	Program: Learn about ELC programs & services to parents & children	Hostess: Monica Members bring books (Stamp)
Mar 19 (Thurs)	4:00-6:00pm	Bella Bella Lounge, 123 E 5 th Ave	Social: Happy Hour	Organizer: Gale Workman
Apr 25 (Sat)	10:00 – noon	Janie Register 1836 Collins Landing Rd, 32310	Election of Officers Program: Live, Longer, Better	Hostess: _____ M - Z Bring books for ELC project
May 16 (Sat)	11:00-1:00pm	TBA ** BBCC	Program: Founder's Day (BBCC) Installation of Officers	AK- Speaker, gift, registration table & raffle
June		Orlando Marriott Lake Mary, Lake Mary, Fl	Jesslyn McBride Leadership Seminar	AK – Daily Treats for participants
June		TBA	AK Bd – Planning	

