

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 December, 2021
Prepared by Connie Lewis

President's Message – Nancy Rosenbaum

December President's Message

I hope this holiday season finds you feeling MERRY and BRIGHT! It was wonderful seeing so many friendly faces at our holiday social earlier this month. Zoom is a wonderful thing, but seeing people in face to face is so rewarding for our spirits!

As we close out 2021, I want to take a moment to celebrate our successes as a chapter!



- We inducted four new key women educators to our chapter this year. These women come from a broad variety of backgrounds and will enrich our sisterhood.
- Alpha Kappa has continued to generously support the Lundquist Scholarship House and the residents are more grateful than ever! We've been able to provide them with a new printer for their house, snacks to help them succeed with finals, a gift card to assist with a house meal, and MANY members have sent care packages that help them with their day to day living expenses. THANK YOU!
- We have been able to support two Alpha Kappa members with funds to support their students. Lisa Phillips received funds to purchase play money for her high school students so they can learn more about Personal Financial Literacy. Stacy Thompson, a media specialist, received funds to help make her library a more exciting place for students to gather.
- Our chapter has elected a new slate of officers for the new biennium. We were blessed to have some wonderful ladies step up to take on the leadership of our chapter for 2022-2024 (starting in July).!

As we look toward the new year, we are hoping to close out this biennium with more in-person meetings and socials. This will begin with the District 1 Meeting in Port St. Joe, FL on January 22nd, which I encourage EVERYONE to attend! We will continue collecting NEW books for the Early Learning Coalition and hope to meet with them for a tour of their offices in March (COVID protocols permitting). If you have any ideas for upcoming events in the new year, please do not hesitate to send them along!

On a personal note, I would like to share that my husband and I are in the beginning stages of the adoption process. We pray that we will have a new addition to our family in the coming year! I encourage your positive wishes, thoughts, and prayers. One thing I have learned as a member of DKG is that we all have an endless support network! I have also learned through this process that there are so many others who have had experiences with adoption, and I would love to hear from you if you have any words of wisdom to share about this journey!

I wish you a happy holiday season and a thriving new year!



REGISTRATION FORM

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Florida State ~ **District I Meeting**
~ **Let's RENEW in 22** ~

Date: Saturday, January 22, 2022

Location: Port St. Joe Elementary School, Port St. Joe, FL

8:00 EST Check-in, Breakfast & Baskets

8:45 EST General Meeting

Please type or print one name per form. Feel Free to Copy This Form

NAME: _____ CHAPTER: _____ DISTRICT: _____

ADDRESS: _____
(Street Address, City, State, Zip)

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

(Please check all that apply.)

- Member
- Current Chapter President
- Past Chapter President
- District Director of District _____
- Past District Director of District _____
- State Committee Member - name of Committee _____
- State Committee Chairman - name of Committee _____
- State Officer -Office(s) _____
- Past State President

(Registration Fee includes Breakfast, coffee, juice, as well as Luncheon, Registration Packet & Favors.)

Registration _____ **\$35.00** Check # _____

Please return your registration form no later than **January 5, 2022 - Deadline**

Send Completed Registration Form and Check to: **Sue Gannon**
Make check payable to Delta Kappa Gamma **369 Plantation Drive**
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

(NOTE: Receipts will be in the packets you receive at the workshop)

Ann Comforter, District I Director
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Port St. Joe, FL 32456
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New Member Induction – November 20



From left to right: Inductee Michelle Gayla with Nancy Rosenbaum (Monica Hayes sponsor); Inductee Allison Prater and Nancy (Ruth Bickel sponsor); Inductee Ninamarie Sapuppo (Lisa Phillips sponsor)

Below: Speaker Ann Comforter, District 1 Director



New Member Induction December 7 – Josephine Sondossi lights a candle as she is inducted into Alpha Kappa at our holiday gathering.



New Officers (from left to right) Treasurer: Rhonda Work; Corresponding Secretary: Ragina Daniels; Vice President: Jennifer Guarraia; President: Monica Hayes; Current President: Nancy Rosenbaum. Not pictured: Recording Secretary: Nikki Abels. New officers begin their tenure in July, 2022.



Support the Ladies of the Southern Foundation FSU Lundquist House

Please remember to send items to our ladies at the Lundquist House. Our help is greatly appreciated. The ladies at the Lundquist Scholarship House are always SO appreciative of our contributions to their home. If you happen to have the ability this holiday season to send them a care package, I hope you will! The Lundquist House Wish List has been recently updated and can be found here: [Lundquist Scholarship House Tallahassee](#). We have been able to provide them the much-needed wireless printer.



And a special surprise - Finals Fuel! –Thank you Nancy Watson for bringing 2 bags of fruit, individual snacks and Christmas Kisses for the Lundquist gals. Nancy had a great conversation with Corrina, a Comm Tech major, who answered the door. She was very appreciative!

Season's
greetings

Early Learning Coalition

The Early Learning Coalition (ELC) is excited to have Delta Kappa Gamma's support of the *My First Books* program. There is a great need for infant and toddler books, and we can make a difference! The ELC has provided some of the titles and authors of the books in their collection. They would love you to build on these with the purchase of these or similar books. We hope to make the delivery in late February or early March. Feel free to contact me at 850-528-6655 to meet for a pick-up or if you would like to have them delivered to me, please send them to: Maria Pouncey, 192 Deer Ridge Trail, Tallahassee, FL 32312. We are trying to arrange a presentation by the ELC for our group and a tour of the facility dependent upon COVID restrictions. Updates on this will be coming after the holidays. A great source I use is the First Book Marketplace where you can find books at reduced rates and of good quality. <https://www.fbmarketplace.org/>

Educators can also get a discount at Books-a-Million. Suggestions from the ELC include the following:

Cool Cuts

by Mechal Renee Roe

[*ABCs of Kindness \(Highlights Books of Kindness\)*](#)

by Samantha Berger, Ekaterina Trukhan

Lejos/Far

by [Juan Felipe Herrera](#)

What I like about Me! Celebrating Differences

by Allia Zobel Nolen and Miki Sakamoto

Whose Toes Are Those?

by [Jabari Asim](#)

Dream Big, Little One

by [Vashti Harrison](#)

Think Big, Little One

by [Vashti Harrison](#)

Counting on Community

by [Innosanto Nagara](#)

Love Makes a Family

by [Sophie Beer](#)

Full, Full, Full of Love

by [Trish Cooke](#)

Hands Can

by Cheryl Willis Hudson



Please remember the ELC is requesting that all books be **NEW** starting this year. We hope to collect more books than *EVER BEFORE!*

Florida DKG Educational Foundation Award Information

The Professional Development Award funds participation in professional development activities sponsored by organizations or institutions other than The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. This includes presentations/attendance at conferences that will contribute significantly to the educator's own professional development.

The award may pay for registration fees and conference-related materials, travel, lodging, substitute teacher, if not provided by the district, and other expenses necessary for participation in the professional development activities with the exception of food. These activities shall take place between April 1, 2022, and March 31, 2023.

Application Deadline: February 1, 2022. Applications will be considered only if submitted electronically on or before February 1. Submit by email the completed application with the required attachments to AWARDS.FLDKGEF@gmail.com. Upon submission, an email confirmation will be sent as proof of receipt.

News from International New Headquarters

DKG is in the process of finding a new location for our headquarters. In the meantime, the following address will be used until the new location is settled.

The DKG Society International
1801 E 51st Street, Ste 365 – 163
Austin, Tx 78723

DKG New Store Site – Like to shop? On your first visit to the new store site, you will need to self-register. This login in does not need to be the same as used for the DKG website. If you need assistance to register, email support@capspec.com. Be sure to bookmark the login page at <https://www.csiweblink.com/DKG/login.asp>. Enjoy your shopping experience!

AmazonSmile – If you shop at Amazon, DKG International Educators Foundation (DKGIEF) receives funds from your purchases when you select the DKGIEF. From April 1 - June 30, 2021, the foundation received \$407.06 from sales. Please support our Educators Foundation.

Chapter Meeting Schedule 2021-22

- December 7th @ 5:30 pm! Meeting Room A at the LeRoy Collins Public Library (Main Branch - Downtown)
- 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 CANCELLED, BBCC Legislative Day
- May 14, 2022 - BBCC Founder's Day