

**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.

Prepared by Connie Lewis

Newsletter – May, 2020

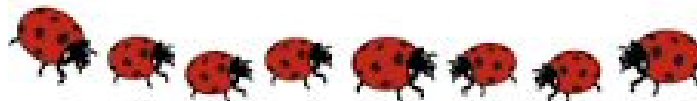
President's Message – Nancy Watson

Dear Alpha Kappa Sisters,

What a year 2020 is turning out to be! I hope that you are all well and doing your part to social distance in order to protect both your own and others' health during this time. Many of us have had to change our plans and/or way of doing things (I was supposed to be in Scotland now), but the important thing is that we can and will get through this period. Please let us know if you need help or support during this period.

It has been a pleasure to be your president for the last biennium. Alpha Kappa is such a wonderful group of members, who really do know that when called upon to do something, the answer is yes! Your support has been greatly appreciated.

As we prepare for the next biennium, we have a great slate of officers to carry on the leadership for us as Key Women Educators.



Congratulations to our 2020 - 2022 Officers



President: Nancy Rosenbaum

President-Elect: Janie Register



Vice President: Ruth Bickel

Recording Secretary: Nikki Abels



Corresponding Secretary: Melissa Olson



Welcome Transfer Member from Iota - Nancy Henning

Nancy has been active in Delta Kappa Gamma since 1988. She has recently transferred to Alpha Kappa. She has served in many roles during her membership. Currently, she is the President of Florida DKG. We welcome her to our chapter and know that her experiences and expertise will be a great asset. We will be able to learn from her as she has been involved in the organization at many levels. We look forward to having her as a sister in AK.



Supporting our FSU Scholarship House Women

Nancy Watson delivered Lasagna and chili from the cancelled meeting we had scheduled along with several kitchen towels and pot holders, a can opener, several closet light, etc. from their wish list. There are 7 girls still in the house during this time of self-isolation.

Please continue to gather items that can be contributed to the house to help support these women.



Time to Pay Your Dues

REMINDER: Delta Kappa Gamma dues must be paid by **June 30, 2020**. Active dues are \$85 and reserve dues are \$35. We are offering three payment plans for active dues:

Three monthly payments of \$28.34 each payable in April and May and June

Two payments of \$42.50 payable in any two of the three months (April, May, June)

One payment of \$85.00 payable no later than June 30

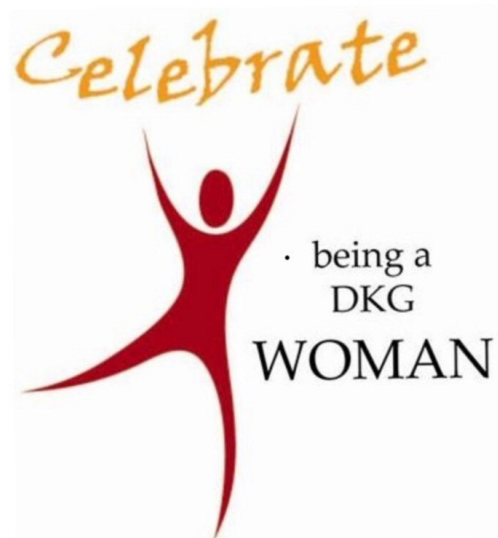
Make checks payable to Delta Kappa Gamma and mail to [Rhonda Work, 3510 Lakeshore Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32312](#)

A Thought for Teachers from

Monica Hayes, Ed.D., MSW, MAT
CEO Hayes Educational Consulting, LLC

“The teacher who is indeed wise does not bid you to enter the house of his wisdom but rather leads you to the threshold of your mind.”

— **Kahlil Gibran**



Congratulations to Jennifer Guarraia and Janie Register. Our AK members, Jennifer has been awarded the 2020 Professional Development Award and Janie was awarded the 2020 Educational Grant. Check it out in the Florida DKG Educational Educator Express. We are proud of you!! DKG offers many opportunities for all members.

Florida DKG Educational Foundation *Educator Express*

Florida Educators Are Winners!

The Florida DKG Educational Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2020 Professional Development Award and Educational Grant. The Foundation earmarked a total of **\$10,000.00** to support the professional development of Florida Educators and fund projects that will impact student education throughout the state.

2020 Professional Development Award

Supports currently employed Florida educators by providing funds to attend professional development seminars, workshops, lecture series, on-line courses or other non-degree program opportunities.

2020 Award Recipients

Debbie Bohanan

Zenith Accelerated Learning Academy
Kissimmee, FL

Attending: "ISTE20" (International Society for Technology in Education National Conference)
Anaheim CA, June 27-July 1, 2020

Stacey DeWolfe

Lemon Bay High School
Englewood, FL

Course: "Set Theory"
Graduate Level Mathematics Class
Ft Myers FL, May-June 2020.

Kim Franklin

Waller Elementary School
Youngstown, FL

Attending: "FAME" (Florida Association for Media in Education)
Orlando FL, Nov 4-6, 2020

Jennifer Guarraia

Trinity Catholic School
Tallahassee, FL

Attending: "Get Your Teach On"
National Conference
Orlando FL, June 28-July 1, 2020

Congratulations 2020 Award Recipients

The Foundation accepts applications for the Professional Development Award and the Educational Grant from September 1st through February 1st each year. Only current employed Florida educators are eligible for the Award, while current or retired educators may apply for the Grant. For more information and to see how you can participate, visit our website: www.fldkgef.org

2020 Educational Grant

Provides funding for educational projects that impact Florida students. Funds may be used to cover costs associated with the project implemented in Florida schools and/or communities.

2020 Grant Recipients

Desiraye Pulizzi

Activity: "Learning the Code in Kindergarten"
Location: Lake Trafford Elementary
Immokalee FL, Summer 2020

Janie Register

Activity: "123, Community Helpers are We!"
Location: Ft. Braden Community Center & Tallahassee Museum
Tallahassee FL, Winter 2020-Spring 2021

Sharon Richardson

Activity: "Measurements Matter"
Location: First Christian Academy
DeFuniak Springs FL, Summer 2020

Diane Driggers

Activity: "Creating Future Scientists"
Location: Medart Elementary
Crawfordville FL, Sept-Dec 2020

Pam Ayers

Activity: "First Chapter Fridays- Literature Circles in the High School Classroom"
Location: Port Charlotte High School
Port Charlotte FL, Fall 2020

Debra Spadley

Activity: "BrainPOP"
Location: Tommy Smith Elementary
Panama City FL, Summer 2020

Janice Tucker

Activity: "Flight to Freedom"
Location: Ft. Mose Historic Park, Lincolnville Museum & Cultural Center
St. Augustine FL, February 2021

Congratulations 2020 Grant Recipients

How are you spending your time while staying home? Some members reported on their activities.



In early April, Gale Workman volunteered two mornings with Second Harvest of the Big Bend to pack and distribute food kits.

Via email and text, Gale continues to mentor, Ely, the FSU undergrad whom Gale met fall 2019 when AK made dinner for the Lundquist Scholarship House. Ely now attends FSU virtually from her family home in Central Florida.



Jenn Guarraia and Nancy Rosenbaum had a game night, via Zoom, with their husbands. They played Pandemic and cured the disease! Fun way to enjoy time with friends remotely!



**Just for a laugh! Cartoon courtesy
of Delores Hudson**

Nancy Watson and her assistant have been busy working on an assignment to make sure that all those at-home students can take their AP exams, as usual. Abby stayed long hours while she worked!



Poem by Kitty O'Meara who has a lovely take on our dealing with,
and eventual recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.
(From Tallahassee Democrat Column Dear Annie)

*And the people stayed home. And read books and listened,
and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games
and learned new ways of being and were still. And listened
more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced.
Some met their shadows. And the people began to think
differently. And the people healed. And in the absence of
people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and
heartless ways, the earth began to heal.*

*And when the danger passed, and the people joined
together again, they grieved their losses and made new
choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways
to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.*



AK had a Zoom meeting on April 30th at which 19 members checked in. It was hosted by Gale Workman with the intent to say “hello” to sisters and see how each had been spending their time while self-quarantined.

Pictured top left to right: Gale Workman, Connie Lewis, Nikki Abels, Nancy Watson, Nancy Henning
Row two: Rhonda Work, Dawn James, Melanie Hester, Sally Roberts, Susan Vinson
Row three: Susan Womble, Monica Hayes, Delores Hudson, Felecia Jackson, LaTressa Marschka
Row four: Alice-Ann Darrow, Jo Anne Arnett, Jean Williams, Carole Jo Hardiman



Home schooling kids

Cooking new healthy recipes

Reading, gardening

Relaxing at lake home and fishing

Planning and delivering curriculum via distance learning K-college

Ancestry

Origami

Grocery shopping from home with delivery

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Wedding Planning

Social Distancing with Friends and Family