

## The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

### Alpha Kappa Mission Statement

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

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## *Happy Birthday DKG International and Alpha Kappa Chapter Join the Celebration*

**A La Provence  
1415 Timberlane Rd  
Tallahassee, FL 32312  
Thursday, June 27, 2019  
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**



**Registration forms have been sent out through email.**

### **President's Message**

Hello Alpha Kappa!

The three amigas, Delores, Nancy R., and I set out for another trip to Lake Mary for the Spring DKG Florida State Convention. We had a wonderful time at the convention with a variety of sessions, some focused on DKG (member retention), some on classroom activities (read alouds), and some on the individual (great travel surprises).

The **Executive Board Meeting** approved: The budget for the new year; new dues for members inducted during the change of the fiscal year; a new name for the Florida Jesslyn McBride Leadership Seminar; Gwen Graham to be extended an invitation for State Honorary Membership; the reappointment of Bonnie Kelly, FL State Editor, Carrie Frye, FL State Executive Secretary, Beverly Stage, FL State Treasurer, and Melissa "Missy" Jones, FL State Webmaster; and sadly, Alpha Omicron chapter in District 1 was dissolved.

The **2019-2012 Officers** for DKG Florida State will be: President - Nancy Henning, 1<sup>st</sup> VP - Roxanne Berger, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP - Terry Stanilonis, Rec. Sec. - Nancy Marmish, and Corr. Sec. - Pat Eckstein.

**Awards and Birthday Luncheon** – "Roots & Wings" (Anchored yet free to soar!)

The chapters achieving 50, 60, and 80+ years Anniversaries were highlighted in a slideshow presentation (thank you, Connie Lewis); The FL DKG Ed Foundation awarded 2 scholarships, one to our own Nancy Rosenbaum for \$1500 to attend Space Camp this summer, and one to Sarah Water White for \$500; New Golden Girls (members for 50 years) were recognized; the

FL State Hall of Fame awards were given; the World Fellowship Award were presented – Alpha Kappa received a Platinum Award; and Alpha Kappa received a certificate for the Communication Award.

The **President's Banquet** began with the introduction of the District Directors and the Presidents of the chapter in their districts followed by the installation of the new FL State Officers. Music was presented by the Mu State Chorus and our own Delores Hudson. Carol Ann Casey provided reflections of an outgoing president. Nancy Henning provided projections for the new biennium with new theme: Together We Can and new motto: Nurturing chapters one at a time.

Sunday Morning was the beautiful **Ceremony of Remembrance** in honor of our members who have left us during this biennium. Music was again provided by the State Chorus.

The three amigas climbed back in the car for the ride home. It is amazing how much you can talk about in the miles between here and there! We did a lot of brainstorming ideas for our new year. You will learn more about that soon.

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Note: Below are our representatives to the Spring DKG Florida State Conference.

Picture 1: Nancy Rosenbaum, Nancy Watson, President, and Delores Hudson, President Elect.

Picture 2: The Conference Chorus - Delores practiced hours and sang in the chorus.

**We appreciate you making Alpha Kappa visible!**





DKG international celebrated its 90th birthday on May 11, 2019. In the most recent article of the *DKG News*, International President, **Cathy Daugherty**, wished members would move DKG toward a productive future. “We must grow in purpose, realize and share the worth of DKG with more key women educators around the world, foster a contagious enthusiasm that elicits energy and motivates service to our communities and globally, and develop succession plans at all three levels that prepare and promise leaders who will eclipse the work begun by our Founders.” She knows we can do this because we are indeed “Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.”

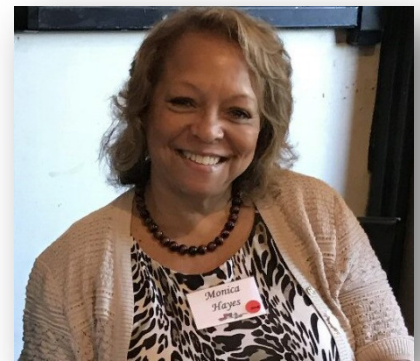
And from Dear Annie. . . she is proud of Alpha Kappa and all it has achieved and of the leadership shown by their Key Women educators. A happy 60<sup>th</sup> birthday to you and may you continue to support DKG international and its focus toward a productive future.

*Annie Webb Blanton*



## **Congratulations to Our Sisters**

**Monica Hayes** has a new job as Deputy Director for Marijuana Projects for the Medical Marijuana Education and Research Initiative at FAMU. Legislation approved the Initiative and funding comes via a 5-year contract with the Department of Health. Her responsibilities include leading and coordinating the education and research activities for the Initiative. As the Deputy, she is a stand in for the Executive Director and responsible for representing, coordinating projects, and writing reports as assigned.



The legislative language in Chapter 2017-232, Laws of Florida specifies Florida A&M University is to educate minorities about marijuana for medical use and the impact of the unlawful use of marijuana on minority communities. The contract with DOH states that we are to educate Florida's diverse minority communities about medical marijuana and also to inform them of the consequences of illegal use of marijuana.

Monica is excited by the challenges, but also the opportunity to ensure our communities have the best information possible going forward.





**Nancy Rosenbaum** was honored as one of the 2019 recipients of the Florida DKG Educational Foundation Professional Development Award. This award will allow her to attend the U.S. Space and Rocket Center Space Camp for Educators this summer! She received this award at the Spring Florida (Mu State) Conference.

### Congratulations to Alpha Kappa

Thank you **Gale Workman** for facilitating us in being awarded the World Fellowship Platinum Award.



Alpha Kappa Sisters have won the Chapter Communication Award for the second time. Good job! And thanks to all who contributed to this honor. The certificate was awarded at the Spring Conference.

## Remembering . . .

Susan Womble's father, Tommy Larned, passed April 26, 2019 at age 93. He lived a full and happy life. Born in Haskell, Texas he left to serve in



General Patton's 3rd Army during World War II and received many medals including the Bronze Star. He re-enlisted and served in the Signal Corps, a branch of the Army, during the Korean War. His service is greatly appreciated.



He had 2 daughters, one is Susan Womble. At age 80, Tommy moved to Florida to be closer to his daughters. Susan has been a faithful member of Alpha Kappa since 2002 and served as chapter president from 2016-2018.

Susan is an award-winning author. Her first novel "Newt's World: Beginnings" won the 2008 Gold Medal Florida Book Award. She is also a National Board-Certified teacher with a career of teaching grades K-12th in the areas of reading, special education, language arts, math, social studies, and the profoundly handicapped. She taught overseas in Hohenfels, Germany and traveled extensively throughout Europe while there. Her travels have provided valuable information for her writing. We appreciate Susan's contributions to Alpha Kappa. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family during this difficult time of loss.

### Chapter Events - Mark Your Calendars

- Sat., May 18, 2019, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Founders' Day (BBCC), Elks Club on Magnolia (responsibilities place and menu)
- **Thurs., June 27, 2019, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Celebration of Alpha Kappa's Diamond 60th Anniversary, a la Provence Restaurant in Market Square - Delores Hudson, chair**
- Sept 20-21, 2019 - Mu State Fall Workshop and Executive Board Meeting, The Orlando Marriot Lake Mary, FL
- October 12, 2019 - BBCC Orientation
- November 9, 2019 - Initiation

### DKG Dues Deadline

June 30, 2019 is the deadline for paying 2019-2020 membership dues! This change was made through the bylaws. Rationale: The timing will strengthen the Society fiscally by aligning dues processing with the DKG fiscal year, which is July 1 through June 30. Please send your dues check, made to Delta Kappa Gamma, to Rhonda Work.