

**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 July/August, 2022**  
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**President's Message – Monica Hayes**

Dear Alpha Kappa Sisters,

Let me begin by saying a special thank you to those of you who have so thoughtfully reached out to wish me well on this new two-year journey I have happily undertaken. I have appreciated your kind, thoughtful words, and your confidence in me.

Another special thank you must go to Nancy Rosenbaum who led us through one of the most difficult two years in recent memory. Thank you too, to the many wonderful sisters who stepped up to assist Nancy and our chapter throughout a very trying time.

So! The past is behind us. What's ahead? Well, I don't see the road ahead getting any easier. We are in a unique position, I believe, to serve as mentors and supporters on multiple levels to a myriad of teachers-young and not so young, who will struggle in the current political and educational environment that will greet them as school opens.

Alpha Kappa did not have representation at this summer's Leadership Seminar. We must do better at nurturing, encouraging, and even nudging, if necessary, to get folks to take better advantage of the opportunities afforded them. They not only can enrich their own lives and careers but our sisterhood and chapter in general.

My hope is that we will use our considerable maturity, knowledge, and experience to not only serve our communities and families but also serve current classroom teachers and the colleges of education in our backyard.

Lastly, we have an excellent history with our long-standing programs. Kudos to us and let's keep them going. In addition, if anyone has ideas for other projects, please let me know. I'm hoping our current recruitment efforts will bring in additional sisters into our chapter. There are lots for us to do and as the old folks say, "Many hands make light work".

You have trusted me with this amazing honor. I promise to collaborate with you and for you to ensure that this biennium will be both challenging and rewarding for all of us.

Warm Hugs to you all,

Monica



## Summer Social – and a good time was had by all!

It was so great to see 19 of our sisters on July 12<sup>th</sup> at the RailRoad Craft House. We enjoyed moving around greeting one another, after so much time only seeing only each other electronically. We sat under the veranda; the weather was comfortable due to the overcast skies. We had time to get acquainted with our new members who attended, our guests (2 were prospective members), and also to interacted with the veterans of our chapter. It was a wonderful occasion; one we need to repeat more often.





**Celebration of Founder's Day - May 14, 2022**



**Members of the BBCC Chapters present a program in honor of our Delta Kappa Gamma Founders.**



**Thank you to our BBCC Officers for all they have done for our Council.**

**For more pictures go to <https://www.facebook.com/DKGFLAlphaKappa/> Thank you Susan Vinson.**

## CALL FOR MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS

*The induction of new members is moving to **SEPTEMBER** this year.* Therefore, we **MUST** begin the recruitment process NOW! Please take some time to begin talking with Key Women Educators about DKG whom you would like to nominate for membership in our chapter. According to the DKG International Constitution “an active member shall be a woman who is or has been employed as a professional educator at the time of her election.” You may send nominees' names to our new 2022-2024 president, Monica Hayes ([drmonicaclc@gmail.com](mailto:drmonicaclc@gmail.com)). New member nominees will be invited to join us for our Alpha Kappa Summer Social. Orientation will take place in August and Induction will occur on Sunday, September 18, from 2 - 4 p.m. The membership forms can be found at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/FL-alphakappa/AKMembershipForm2022.pdf>

## Project Reminders

The **Early Learning Coalition (ELC) program "My First Books" and "All About Me"** (5th year). AK members collect books for children ages birth through 8th grade. Children select a book of their choice to take home as their own. We are also collecting books for grades 9 – 12 as well. For questions, contact Maria Pouncey at [maria.pouncey@pace.org](mailto:maria.pouncey@pace.org)

**The Second Harvest of the Big Bend "Back Pack"** program provides 1,200 bags of nutritious food to food insecure students every week. Donations grow their ability to feed more students this school year. Without this important program, students may go hungry over the weekend and return to school distracted and struggle to reach their full potential. Since 2010, the Backpack Program has provided more than 1,000 bags of food weekly to children in the Big Bend Area. In Leon County alone, over 30 percent of our children in Tallahassee are food insecure.

**Southern Scholarship Foundation House, the Lundquist house**, at Florida State University. In past years, members of the chapter would meet at the house with the residents, bring meals to them and enjoy getting to know them face-to-face. Recently some of the chapter members met with the ladies via Zoom in a "getting-to-know-you" session. In addition to meals, the chapter provides supplies to "pack their pantry" and other items the ladies have on their wish list. They refer to AK members as their "House Champions". Please collect send supplies and items to stock the pantry. Nancy Watson [watsonnh@gmail.com](mailto:watsonnh@gmail.com) is our contact member.

**Materials for the State Prison Library** - Charles Huber, the Prison Library Administrator will receive materials at any time and during their book drive around the end of the year. There are a wide variety of subject material needed. Recently, you were sent the list of books needed and the criteria for selecting books. Nikki Abels [nikkiabels@gmail.com](mailto:nikkiabels@gmail.com) will collect the materials and deliver them.

**Stock the Schools** is a program in Leon County to provide materials and supplies teachers need in their classrooms. AK has allocated funds for this purpose. You may also choose from their Facebook website to donate to your teacher or school of choice.

## Education Excellence Committee Liaison Responsibilities

The Educational Excellence State Committee would like to be in regular communication with each chapter. To accomplish this goal. The committee requests each chapter recruit a chapter member to act as a liaison between chapter and the EEC. We would like to have the **EEC Liaisons** in place by **August 15**.

### EEC Liaison Duties:

- Communicate with their district EEC member on a regular basis.
- Share the great things your chapter is doing to support efforts in scholarship, the arts, supporting classroom teachers, and any other efforts your chapter undertakes that fits the EEC charge.

- Communicate chapter needs, questions, etc. directly to the EEC.
- Receive information from the State EEC Chair/District EEC member to share with their chapter.
- The EEC Liaison would **not be** expected to attend the state EEC committee meetings.

For additional information, the EEC Resource Guide is located on our website under Resources at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/FL-alphakappa/EECGuide.pdf>

If you are interested in the position, please let Monica Hayes [drmonicaclc@gmail.com](mailto:drmonicaclc@gmail.com) know.

Once our Chapter Liaison is identified, the information will be sent to our district EEC member, Nancy Rosenbaum.

## **Alpha Kappa Standing Rules – Update**

Our standing rules were revised and have been posted on our website at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/FL-alphakappa/> . They have been approved by our membership and have been sent to the State representative for review.

## **Calendar of Events 2022**

- **July 12, 2022, 11 a.m. - 1:30 Summer Social at Railroad Craft House**
- **July 12 - 16, 2022 DKG International Convention, Sheraton, New Orleans, Louisiana.**
- **September 1, 2022 Applications will be available for 2023 Awards & Grants**
- **September 18, 2022 BBCC Induction**
- **September 23-24, 2022, Florida State Organization's Fall Executive Board Meeting & Workshops, Orlando Marriott, Lake Mary. Book rooms early.**
- **February 1, 2023 Awards & Grant Application Deadline**
- **April 2023 Award & Grant Recipients notified**
- **August 1, 2023 Deadline for Fall Rays to MuState [Editor@gmail.com](mailto:Editor@gmail.com)**

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



**Jan Bennett, Beta Phi – thank you for the lovely centerpieces that decorated our Founders' Day tables.**