

# 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, 2020  
Prepared by Connie Lewis**

### **President's Message -Nancy Rosenbaum**

It was wonderful to see so many faces on Zoom for our officer induction and meeting on August 11th! Thank you, Nancy Henning for conducting our officer installation. It is such an honor to have our DKG Florida State Organization President be a member of our chapter! I would also like to thank our outgoing officers for their committed service to our chapter. The love, encouragement, and continued guidance is appreciated. Our new District 1 Director, Ann Comforter, was also able to join us for this meeting. She was thankful for the invitation and to see how we are still coming together productively in challenging times.



We have many exciting events coming up in the next month or so:

- The DKG Florida State Organization Fall Workshop is going VIRTUAL this year! It will be held on Saturday, September 19th, 2020 from 9 am-12 pm. The Fall Workshop is a wonderful opportunity for members to learn more about the organization and the way it functions. Additionally, there will be eight workshops and a special leadership presentation.
- We hope to shower the NEW residents of the Lundquist House with love and support. We are working to schedule a Zoom meet-and-greet with them during the month of September, details to come. Many of these students would not have the ability to attend college if it were not for scholarship housing and the support we lend to them. I hope you consider supporting this new group of residents.
- I continue to encourage you to consider key women educators in your lives that would make a nice addition to our chapter. Please take a moment and share DKG with a colleague that you feel makes a positive impact on the field of education. New prospective members will be invited to an orientation in October, so please start sending your nominations!

I wish you all health and happiness, especially our educators who are working diligently to remain in the classroom safely this school year. I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting!

### **Congratulations to our AK President**

The Team for NovakTalks is excited to announce the 2020-2021 NovakTalks Educator of the Year!

Each year they select a K-12 teacher to support with a gift of \$250.00 to supplement their classroom expenses. This initiative was started because NovakTalks recognizes the importance of k-12 education in the preparation of the people we work with as collegians. This year's educator of the year is **Nancy Rosenbaum**, a 5th grade

teacher at Florida State University School. She is a science teacher with a passion for hands-on learning. Her nominator shared: "Mrs. Rosenbaum creates a class environment that allows students to share and make mistakes without fear of being made fun of. She is a true educator with a remarkable ability to relate to and teach children the wonders of science." We are honored to support Nancy and her classroom. To learn more about NovakTalks go to <https://novaktalks.com/>

Nancy shared:

"Due to COVID-19, I will be teaching in-person and virtually this school year. The funds being awarded to me will be instrumental in purchasing resources that will assist me in teaching 5th-grade science that is engaging and rigorous. They will provide me the opportunity to purchase individual supplies for inquiry-based learning, including materials that I can send home to students who are distance learning. "

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**Parliamentarian** – Thank you, Lisa Phillips for volunteering to be our parliamentarian. Lisa teaches High School Math at Florida State University School. Welcome to the AK Board.

**Membership** - Janie Register and Lisa Phillips have volunteered to be our membership co-chairs. Thank you so much.

**And . . . speaking of membership, IT IS TIME to recruit new members! Please let Janie or Lisa know that you have a person you want to invite and they will send the form to you. Please explain to your recruit(s) all about DKG-AK, a key women educator’s society. We are looking forward to welcoming new members.**

**You may want to refer them also to our website at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/FL-alphakappa/>**

**AK Projects - new programs to support this year. . . and will continue to support the SSF Lundquist House, World Fellowship and the Early Learning Coalition. The board elected to help support the programs below with \$300.00 each.**

### **Second Harvest's Backpack Program By Gale Workman**

The Big Bend Region is the most food-insecure region in the state of Florida where it is estimated one in five children goes to bed hungry every night.

Second Harvest's Backpack Program is making sure no child has to go without.

“Second Harvest’s Backpack Program provides 1,200 bags of nutritious food to food insecure students every week. These donations will grow our ability to feed even 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,” said Second Harvest CEO Monique E. Van Pelt.



Before the COVID-19 crisis, nearly 100,000 people in the Big Bend, including 20,700 children, lived in a food-insecure household. Today, Second Harvest is providing vital food assistance to more than 150,000 people, including 31,000 children.

*Since 2010, the Backpack Program has provided more than 1,000 bags of food weekly to children in Leon, Gadsden, Madison, Wakulla, Jackson, Jefferson, and Taylor counties.*

Since 2010, Second Harvest of the Big Bend has made sure kids don't go hungry, including weekends and when school is not in session.

What started with one school site has grown to provide 1,200 bags of food every week to kids in seven counties, something that means even more now with COVID-19 in the picture.

"In Leon County alone, over 30 percent of our children here in Tallahassee are food insecure," said Monique Ellsworth, the CEO at Second Harvest of the Big Bend. "We know now more than ever before we need to ensure we have a plan in place to make sure we feed our children during this upcoming school year."

The Rotary Club of Tallahassee has been there every step of the way. "We have been supporting that program with our volunteer time as well as funds, ever since it launched," said Pam Griggs with the Rotary Club of Tallahassee.

To learn more about this program go to <https://fightinghunger.org/child-nutrition-programs/> .

**Stock the Schools** - Community helps teachers secure school supplies and disinfectants

Teachers can post their amazon wish list and contributors can go shop those lists. No contact, you don't have to know anything, you can just make a couple of clicks and brighten somebody's day. The site is located at



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/leoncountystockourschools> .

If you are currently teaching in Leon County and have not signed up for assistance, please do. We recognize that this school year is particularly challenging for teachers, so let your community help you!



### **SSF Lundquist House**

**Gift cards can be sent to the following:**

**House Manager  
Lundquist Scholarship House  
316-A Stadium Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32303**

Gale Workman will be sending their wish list to you in the near future. You can select from the list which will help us track what has been purchased to avoid duplications. Thank you for your participation.

**Note: If you have items to be delivered to the Lundquist house, please contact Nancy Watson.**



## **Early Learning Coalition (ELC)**

**By Monica Hayes**

Morgan Evers is the Community Relations Manager of the Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Region, Inc. Our own **Monica Hayes** discussed with Morgan the new program “*All About Me*”.

### **Background**

Morgan believed that with the confusion and anxiety surrounding daily news about COVID-19, scenes in the news about Black Lives Matter (BLM), and the overall environment in our world these days, she wanted to do something that would help youngsters celebrate and appreciate our differences. She wanted to find a way to instill the importance of kindness to others.

### **Kids-Adults**

We were all kids once. Morgan would like the kids to see what other people in their communities are like, how they are different, and how they are the same. She’s asking teachers and others to share pictures of themselves as children: singles, partners, pets, grandchildren.



She can provide worksheets to help facilitate the conversations with the children.

She wants to celebrate live on Facebook...the pictures, videos, etc., to be used to help teachers.

She’s thinking about short interviews via Zoom. She’ll ask simple questions that might be of interest to kids. This too will be used to connect kids with community people from different areas.

The ELC offered an opportunity for providers to drive through and receive 5-6 bags of school supplies:

- Multicultural books, crayons in diverse colors (15 shades)
- All About Me posters for schools and communities
- They’ve equipped them with 8 books for them to use with the students.
- They have 249 contracted providers

**Monica’s question for our Alpha Kappa – DKG chapter is can we focus our book drive on books with multicultural themes, maps, stories, etc.? This would be particularly useful for K-5. For the older students, books of any education-appropriate theme would be appreciated.** Please collect books for ELC as we have done in the past with focus on the above. Arrangements for collection will be made later in the year due to covid-19 restrictions on meetings. Last year, AK donated over 300 books. Let’s beat our own record this year! For questions, please contact Monica Hayes. For more information about ELC go to <https://www.elcbigbend.org/>

## Removal of email addresses from Alpha Kappa Website

International DKG sent the following:

During the last biennium there were numerous occasions when website trolls accessed email addresses of international officers and related personnel. This occurred both via the contact sheet we posted OUTSIDE of our secure website and via links to the contact sheets inside our secure website **that were set up by state organization and chapter webmasters**. Chapters have been asked to refrain from requiring their webmasters to post or link this information on their websites or in online publications. For those of you who have done this, THANK YOU!

As a result of this request, Connie Lewis, our webmaster, has removed all links and email addresses from our site. Your membership list has all the information about our members needed to make email contacts and a resource list, which had been on the site, has been sent to you for your use. Remember, you must sign in to access all the information provided on the International website. If you have any questions, please contact Connie.

**All member email addresses are on your membership list which was sent to you recently.**

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### **COVID-19 claims life of retired FSU professor and Alpha Kappa Member Katherine 'Kitty' Hoffman**

Katherine “Kitty” Hoffman had a nearly 88-year relationship with Florida State University – first as a student-athlete-scholar at the Florida State College for Women in the mid-1930s, followed by a nearly 40-year career as a chemistry professor, and later as a philanthropist.

Hoffman was 105 and would have celebrated her 106th birthday on Aug. She lived at Westminster Oaks.

#### **A garnet and gold life**

She was a chemistry major at FSCW, but she also had an appreciation for the liberal arts. She was a grassroots recruiter for FSU and always talked up the quality of the institution and how it was growing in stature.

Then named Katherine “Kitty” Blood, her relationship with FSU began in the mid-1930s, when the Winter Haven native entered the Florida State College for Women.

She earned free meals serving fellow students as a "Dining Room Girl" and also served as president of the Student Government Association, captain of the baseball and volleyball teams, wrote for The Flambeau, and earned membership in Phi Beta Kappa and numerous other campus and honorary organizations.

Hoffman received her undergraduate degree in bacteriology from FSU in 1936, earned a master's degree from Columbia University, and was accepted to the medical school at Duke University. At that time, however, Duke required female medical students to remain single.



But Hoffman didn't buy into that. She married Harold "Hank" Hoffman in 1938 and started a teaching career. The family moved to Tallahassee in 1940, where she began instructing at Florida State.

During her nearly 40-year tenure at FSU as a member of the chemistry department faculty, Hoffman authored several textbooks and many articles, and was widely recognized for her scholarship and commitment to the advancement of her field.

"Kitty Hoffman was truly a treasure," FSU President John Thrasher said Monday. "She loved Florida State University and dedicated her life to supporting FSU students. As a pioneering scholar, faculty member and dean, she was an excellent role model for generations of women in the sciences. After her retirement, she continued to actively serve the university through her generous gifts and service on university boards."

From 1967 to 1970, she also served as FSU's Dean of Women, and then as president of the Faculty Senate from 1980 to 1982. After her retirement from teaching in 1984, the chemistry department dedicated the Katherine B. Hoffman Teaching Laboratory in her honor. She and her husband established the \$100,000 Katherine Blood Hoffman Endowed Scholarship in Chemistry.

### A trailblazer with passion



In retirement, Hoffman served as a board member for the FSU Alumni Association and trustee for the FSU Foundation; chairwoman of the Emeritus Alumni Society; and co-chairwoman of FSU's Sesquicentennial Celebration.

One of her proudest moments came in September 2007 when the university bestowed upon her an honorary Doctorate of Science.

FSU Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Sally McRorie said, "As FSU completes renovations and expansions to the Hoffman Teaching Labs, we commemorate in brick and mortar her pioneering lifetime of achievements."

Kitty was a member of Gamma Eta DKG, transferring to Alpha Kappa in 2017. She was a true Key Woman Educator.

### Proposed Calendar 2020

Date	Time	Place	Program	Hostesses/ AK Responsibilities
<b>2020</b>				
Aug 11 (Tues)	7 p.m.	Zoom Meeting	Program: Installation of Officers Business Meeting	Installing Officer: Nancy Henning
Sept	TBA		Program Subject Suggested: Lundquist House	
October	TBA		Program: New Member Orientation	Presenters: Rhonda Work and Connie Lewis
November	TBA		Induction of New Members	Officers Presiding
Dec	TBA		Holiday Social	



At our **Chapter Zoom Meeting** on August 11, 2020 we had 22 members attend and our District I Director – Ann Comforter. Nancy Henning, our Florida State President, conducted our new officer induction. We put her to work right away and are so glad she has joined our chapter. Thank you, Nancy! Congratulations to all our new officers and we know that you will lead our key women educators well.

