

**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.**

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President's Message – Monica Hayes

Sisters,

The new school year has begun in earnest, and I know what a busy time this is. I'll make this short and sweet.

Please take a few to consider the great education leaders among you who are not yet members of our esteemed association. We have an amazing chapter to be sure, but many of us, myself included, are very seasoned. We can always benefit from new ideas and new people. Our chapter has wonderful initiatives, and more are brewing. We are going to need help.

Seasoned Sisters,

Let's commit to helping in the effort to identify potential candidates. We know what it takes to continue the energy, vitality, and sustainability of an organization.

Recent inductees, we need you too! We have great committees that could use your expertise. Let us know your interests and goals, personal and professional. We have seasoned veterans available to help with networking, advice, and friendship.

I am excited about our collective potential. I hope you are too. Let me hear from you, please. Hugs to all.

We celebrate Rhonda Work, our Florida DKG State Hall of Fame Member, on her 90th birthday. Happy Birthday, Rhonda! Her family came from far and wide to celebrate her special day with her.



Friday, July 7- Summer Social at Bumpas – And a good time was had by all!



**More images are available on the AK website at <https://www.facebook.com/DKGFLAlphaKappa/>
Pictures courtesy of SusanVinson. Thank you, Susan!**

Mentoring – Gale Workman presented a mentoring workshop to her chapter, Alpha Kappa. She also shares her talents with other chapters as indicated below. The information received during the workshop is most helpful in mentoring new members, new teachers, and others who we may contact. Thank you, Gale.



Support for Alpha Kappa Educators: Amazon Wish Lists



AK PRACTICING EDUCATORS: Please post the link to your Amazon Wish List in the comment section on our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/DKGFLAlphaKappa/>

ALL AK Members: Check out the Amazon Wish Lists in the comments section (look for the image at the left). Consider sending items to our teachers on the list! Items sent via Amazon Wish List will be delivered directly to the recipient. Below are those who have signed up. We would like to see your name too!

- **Patti Schwartz Brownstein:** My ACE GED students need all the help they can get. Thank you so much. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/Z54L6H1ALBPH?ref=wl_share
- **Susan Vinson,** Killearn Lakes Elementary. What a blessing this is! Back to teaching ALL the 3rd Grade subjects this year. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2QBDW17TL57JA?type=wishlist&fbclid=IwAR1R4dVOSSI9sYXtdbYbRODKHNjREThWvrvl_gN8tmSRuw7QiGPd8OoY0s
- **Candace Gautney:** Assistant Principal at Riley Elementary. This is amazing! We do LOTS of celebrations for our kiddos, so most of my list is trinkets and treats for my 530 sweet kids. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2JY1L9HX7CPSQ?ref=wl_share&fbclid=IwAR0nngZwmdLkh1IxVQ70zHY16TRgxTk0yFmaq95HHOmS6IJ_SniHugS8Hoo
- **Micha Nowak:** Secondary science teacher at FSUS. This is year 22, teaching three disciplines and trying new methods. Thank you in Advance for any and all assistance. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2SP5GKGIXYEH2?ref=wl_share&fbclid=IwAR3x3py9H1HgkUuYcYeuS5IL5kMvX-XUwXISROMIi3eoLHY9MqqO9jDtNc0
- **Dawn Schlitzkus James:** Kindergarten teacher at DeSoto Trail Elementary. I am looking forward to my 25th year of teaching!! https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2XOJNYDPDUU0?ref=wl_share&fbclid=IwAR2Q4a-NOdBj-c9sOYKPj4pdB8pvn9UR26RUIV8vE4nPUXqGLMbMGEGrUeg

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CHAPTER PROJECTS – We need your help.

❖ (New Project) **Hope Community Project** services homeless families, children, and adults, (specifically homeless veterans). AK will collect books for all age. The materials for Hope do not have to be new. Nikki Abels will collect the books and they can be brought to chapter events.

❖ **FSU Southern Scholarship Foundation House**, the Lundquist House. We plan to meet at the house with the residents, bring meals to them and enjoy getting to know them. The chapter provides supplies to "pack their pantry" and other items the ladies have on their wish list. Please collect and send supplies and items to stock their pantry. They refer to AK members as their "House Champions". Please sign up on the Lundquist House Wish List at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/FL-alphakappa/WishList-2023SSF.pdf> to send supplies and items. Nancy Watson is our contact member.

❖ **Supplies for AK Educators** – Members submit their supply needs list on Amazon (see above). Please help support our AK teachers as they prepare for this new year. The list is linked and can be found on the AK Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/DKGFLAlphaKappa/> Stacy Thompson is our contact person.

❖ **The Second Harvest of the Big Bend "Back Pack"** program (3rd year) 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.

❖ **World Fellowship** - DKG promotes professional and personal growth of its members and excellence in education. The World Fellowship Fund was established to provide opportunities for women from foreign



countries to pursue graduate studies in Canada and the United States. We collect coins at each meeting to give to World Fellowship. Last year we gave \$295.00. Thank you, Alpha Kappa!

Mark Your Calendars! New events coming up! We know you will be there!

Sunday, September 10, 2023, 1-3 p.m. Induction, St. Stephen Lutheran Church

Saturday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m. Ginny Densmore's house, 9713 Waters Meet Drive
Chapter Meeting - Topic: DKG: Who Are We?

Saturday, January 20, 2024, District 1 Meeting, Trinity United Methodist church

May 2024, Founders' Day

Fall Is on The Way!



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