

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Alpha Kappa of Mu State
Mission Statement**

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

**Newsletter - August, 2018
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President's Message

Summertime is a time for teachers to enjoy long lunches, fellowship, and celebrations.

It was wonderful to see everyone at the Alpha Kappa meeting on July 17th and, for those of you who could not attend, we hope to see you soon. I am excited to be your new president and look forward to representing such an outstanding group of busy and committed members.

I would like to thank Alpha Kappa for making it possible for Delores and I to attend the Jesslyn McBride Leadership Seminar in Orlando. It was an amazing opportunity to learn about Delta Kappa Gamma's history and educational leadership initiatives. From the welcoming reception to the excellent sessions on everything from parliamentary procedure and running an efficient meeting, to public speaking and dining etiquette. The DKG facilitators were well prepared and supportive in guiding us along the path to leadership. We were treated royally! Delores and I spend our travel time getting to know each other and discussing the future of Alpha Kappa. It was an experience well worth our time.



Nancy

(Picture: Delores Hudson, President – Elect pins President's Pin on Nancy.)

Member Spotlight – Delores Hudson, President-Elect



Delores Yvonne Hudson, M.S. CCC-SLP has worked in varied educational settings over the last 47 years. During her tenure, she has served as a school speech language pathologist including being assigned to W. T. Moore, Caroline Brevard and Desoto Trail schools. During her work in the schools she received recognition from the Florida Speech Language Hearing Association by being featured in one of their monthly Spotlight columns. Additionally, while working in the schools she received the Florida Master Teacher award and was awarded a Best Fund grant for her innovative “speech club” program.

During the second part of her career, Delores worked as a faculty member in the role of a clinical educator in the Florida State University Communication Disorders program. She had the opportunity to teach clinical practicum to undergraduate students and to supervise graduate students at the L. L. Schendel Speech and Hearing Clinic. Over the years as a part of this

experience, Delores has had a hand in training approximately 300 up and coming speech/language pathologists. Also, while in this setting one of her mentors, Carole Jo Hardiman, invited her to DKG membership.

Over the last 10 years, Delores has engaged in private practice with emphasis on her strong interest in fostering school success for all students. The majority of her private clients have moved on to greater school success by becoming more efficient and skilled readers.

Currently after just completing a year's work for Devon Health Care Group, Delores is retired and spends her days involved in family and volunteer activities; including tutoring at a Saturday program that is held at the B. L. Perry Library, serving in various roles including that of steward at her church, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church and helping care for her 93 year-old mother. Delores also teaches new members class and a 7-9th grade church school class at her church.

Delores also enjoys many leisure activities including reading, aerobics, walking, adult coloring and sketching. Her thus far 21-year membership in DKG, also adds an interesting component to her life and she enjoys the opportunities, friendships, and interactions she gains here. Currently she serves in the office of president-elect and is enjoying the experiences she is having. Most recently she attended the Jesslyn McBride Leadership Conference which was a highlight of her Delta Kappa Gamma experiences.

New ideas about her professional and personal life are always filling Delores' mind. As a consequence, now in retirement, she is looking to further develop her contributions in the area of education by sharing ideas through her website; Happyreadersclub.com. This is a place for parents and others to read blogs and obtain materials for helping their children have greater school success.

In summary, this member of the Alpha Kappa Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma is an experienced, enthusiastic key woman educator. She looks forward to getting to know other members of her chapter even better and to broadening her overall involvement in the society.

New Officers and AK Board Members 2018-2020

President – Nancy Watson

President-Elect – Delores Hudson

Vice President – Gale Workman

Recording Secretary – Nikki Abels

Corresponding Secretary – Melissa Olson

Treasurer – Rhonda Work

Assistant Treasurer -- Melanie Hester

Parliamentarian– Sandy Byars

Communications Committee Chair and Webmaster -- Connie Lewis



Member News - Monica Hayes, Member of and Ambassador for the National Association of African American Studies and Affiliates (NAAAS)

Ms. Ela Gandhi, granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi, in concert with the Phoenix Settlement Trust, asked NAAAS to take the lead on a project to get the Phoenix Settlement named a UNESCO World Heritage Site (WHS). The Executive Director of NAAAS named **Monica** and another member to serve on the UNESCO committee. To date, they have completed the first stage and their initial report is now on UNESCO's Tentative List. The final report is due no later than early February 2019. The International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) will do a review of the report and make a recommendation to the WHS Nominating Committee. At that point a decision will be made whether to inscribe or not. They only review 45 applications each year.



(Picture above: Ms. Gandhi welcoming Monica to the Phoenix.)



Attendees to the International Research Forum held in Durban, South Africa last July.

Monica presenting to the Phoenix Settlement Trust. NAAAS Ambassadors, representatives from the Trust and Ms. Gandhi were in attendance.





Committee Chair – We are so proud to have these AK sisters volunteer to assume major responsibilities within the chapter. We hope more of you will volunteer your time.

SSF Pantry Committee Chair – Felicia Jordan Jackson

Remind Committee Chair – Candace Gautney

Big Bend Early Learning Committee Chair – Monica Hayes

Membership Committee Co-Chair -- Gina Daniels and Dawn James

Fundraising (raffle) Chair -- Sandy Byars

Name Tag Committee Chair -- Theresa Horn

AK Meeting Schedule - Mark your Calendars!

- Sept 21-22, 2018, Mu State Fall Workshop and Executive Board Meeting, The Orlando Marriot Lake Mary, Lake Mary, FL
- Mon. Sept. 24, 6 p.m. Program Meeting: Mike Wallace "Civilian Response to Active Shooting Incidents (CRASE)", Sheriff's Office, 2825 Municipal Way
- Sat., October 13, 2018, 10 am., Orientation of New Members (BCC), Place TBA
- Sat., November 3, 2018 - Initiation (BCC), Place/Time TBA
- Thurs., December 6, 2018, 6 p.m. 2018, Fellowship and Cookie Exchange, Members' Sharing, JoAnne Arnett's house, 2102 Lake Forest Dr.
- Sat., February 23, 2019 - Legislative Meeting (BCC), Place/Time TBA
- Monday, April 1, 2019, 6 p.m., Program Meeting, Melissa Olson "Sanford Harmony - a training on social and emotional development of students", June Townsend's home.
- April 26-28, 2019 - Mu State Spring Conference, Orlando Marriott, Lake Mary, FL
- Sat., May 18, 2019 - Founders' Day (BCC), Place/Time TBA
- **Thurs., June 27, 2019 - Celebration of Alpha Kappa's 60th Birthday - Delores Hudson volunteered to organize this event.**



Kudos to . . .

Dawn James for her dedication and service to the chapter as Membership chair for the past several years. Her efforts have provided us with many prospects for new members and our membership numbers have increased.

June Townsend for setting up our Facebook page which is visited by many DKG members and gives our chapter additional visibility on the web.

Susan Vinson for her faithful attendance at meeting and for photographing our events. She helps maintain our Facebook page and posts the chapter pictures for each event.