

## 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.

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### Member Applause – Dr. Jacqueline Clemons



After many years of teaching, Jacque retired from Leon County Schools. She then managed her own consulting business for three years after which she worked 8 years for TCC part-time. She has been a member of Alpha Kappa Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma since 1979, serving as President from 1988-90.

She is involved in many other activities as well. She stays busy with coordinating the Flower Ministry and Altar Linens at St. Peter's Anglican Church. She is Vice President of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross, a religious society for Anglican Women in the USA and Canada. She serves on the Provincial (USA and Canada) Council of the Order as the Membership Chairman. There are more than 1100 members.

She is a certified Master Gardener and regularly volunteers at the Leon County Agriculture Extension Office. She actively participates as a member of the Canopy Oaks Chapter of the Embroidery Guild of America.

Jacque holds a lifetime membership in the National Association for Young Children, and its local, regional, and state affiliates.

## New Officers

### Congratulations to our new officers for 2016 – 2018!

- President - Susan Womble
- Vice President - Gale Workman
- Recording Secretary - Linda Rogers
- Corresponding Secretary - Delores Hudson

Congratulations to Rhonda Work for being elected to serve as the BBCC chair for the coming year. AND a big “THANK YOU” to Dawn James for an outstanding job as our chapter president for the past two years. You are appreciated!

## New Members

- We welcome Gina Daniels to Alpha Kappa Chapter as a new member transferring from her chapter in Blountstown.
- Welcome back to Melissa Olsen. We are so glad you could join us again.

## District I Meeting in Apalachicola

What a wonderful gathering of DKG sisters at the District I meeting, April 30, 2016 in Apalachicola. The program by Marshall Dawson, 8th Marshal of the Supreme Court of Florida was informative. The new chapter presidents were presented. The breakout sessions were inspiring. The food, provided by the school's 10th grade culinary arts program students was delicious and beautifully presented. It was great to meet new sisters and make new friends. Brava to all those who prepared the event. (More on this event at the chapter website).

## DKG Educational Foundation (FLDKGEF)

The Florida DKG Educational Foundation, Inc. was established as a result of action taken during the Mu State Convention on April 18, 2015. It was officially founded on June 01, 2015. Contributions made will be used to enable Florida employed educators to participate in professional seminars, workshops, conferences, on-line courses and other non-degree program opportunities. Awards may be made for expenses related to these activities. DKG activities are EXCLUDED. You may contribute as an individual. We may also elect to contribute as a chapter. For contribution questions, contact Connie Kostyra at [treasurer.fldkgef@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.fldkgef@gmail.com).

## About AmazonSmile – [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)

All members who shop at Amazon.com can now have a percentage of their purchases go to the Florida DKG Educational Foundation, Inc. To participate, and we hope you will, go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). Eligible products are marked “Eligible for AmazonSmile” donation on the product detail page. You can use your existing amazon account. The first time you sign on to AmazonSmile you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before shopping. Future purchases will then be credited to the

organization you chose. We hope you will select Florida DKG Educational Foundation, Inc. to support member scholarships.



### In Memorium. . .

**Ida Holt Manning** - Ida taught school in Leon County for 39 years and was a long standing member of Alpha Kappa since 1977. She will be missed.



### Roses to. . .

- **Melanie Hester** for her willingness to serve as Assistant Treasurer to Rhonda Work. She attended the Treasurer's training workshop at the District I meeting and serves on the AK Board (appointed by the President). She works closely with Rhonda Work our long term treasurer to "learn the ropes". AND she is a new member.
- To all AK Sisters for their participation in My First Books Program for the Early Learning Coalition. We contributed 66 books to help children develop early literacy skills.
- **Gale Workman** for her excellent articles about our book drive in the Chronicle of the Tallahassee Democrat and the Florida Rays.
- **Jacque Clemens** for opening her home to us for the October meeting. We appreciate you.
- **JoAnne Arnette** for being such a gracious host at our Christmas cookie exchange. Her home was beautifully decorated and we enjoyed wonderful fellowship as well as lots of yummy cookies.
- **Susan Womble** an AK member and award winning author, for her presentation at our October chapter meeting about the books she has published. She gave tips and advice on being an author and becoming a writer.
- **Melissa Olsen** for her presentation at the District I Meeting entitled, "Teaching the Gifted in Title I Schools."



### Looking Ahead. . .

- **Founders' Day Luncheon** - Saturday, May 14, 2016, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Rickards High School Media Center. AK members responsible for registration and nametags
- **Summer Social July 2016**, (TBA) 11:00 a.m.
- **Mu State Fall Workshop** - Mu State President Gerry Hacker. September 23 - 24 at the Orlando Marriott Lake Mary. Details in the Florida Rays <http://dkgmustateflorida.weebly.com/>. New members initiated or reinstated between Jan. 2015 and Sept. 1, 2016 will be acknowledge at the Friday Night Social and will receive a certificate as well as a small gift. Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid, International President will be our guest speaker.
- **Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention** - Nashville, TN, July 5-9, 2016.
- **Southeast Regional Conference** - July 19-22, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel.

## Communicating...



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- Chapter Website - <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/FL-alphakappa/>
- Mu State Website - <http://dkgmustateflorida.weebly.com/>
- International Website - <http://www.dkg.org/>

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