

**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 – September, 2015

Member Applause – Recognition of Member Achievements



Gale Workman taught ESOL to international students visiting Tallahassee this summer with Education First. This academic year, Gale continues to consult with faculty and staff at University of West Florida on its Quality Enhancement Plan: Communication for Professional Success. This fall, Gale joins TCC's adjunct faculty, substitute-teaching in English, Humanities, and Communication. In September, Gale travels to Albania with a U.S. Fulbright team who will do conservation work on historic buildings at a World Heritage Site in Gjirokastra. In Tallahassee, Gale is a first-year board member of Literacy Volunteers of Leon County and a new member of Sunrise Rotary Club.

AK Board Activities

Summer was busy for the AK Board. They have identified many ways for our members to get involved and to know what benefits that DKG offers them. Thanks so much to the members who have already agreed to serve on various committees, and who have committed to the jobs identified. We are so grateful for Melanie Hester, a new 2015 initiate, for agreeing to serve as Assistant Treasurer. She will be “learning the ropes” from our long term treasurer, Rhonda Work. We are also grateful for Candace Gautney, another new initiate, who has volunteered to work with Melissa Olson, a returning member, in serving as “meeters and greeters” at our chapter meetings. We would also like to thank Gale Workman, for her work on the document “What’s in it for Me?” which includes information about scholarships, awards, professional development and publishing opportunities for our members. And to Rhonda Work, our long standing board member, who provides so many resources in addition to being treasurer for the chapter and the Big Bend Coordinating Council, for her diligence in identifying the Committee/Jobs criteria for our chapter. Cudos to all !

Fall Workshop

The focus was on Membership Involvement. Members present were informed about the benefits of being a DKG member and how they can contribute to the chapter through committee/jobs participation. (See minutes for details) - <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/FL-alpha-kappa/Events.html>

Member Recruitment

It is time to consider nominating new membership. Please have your candidate complete the membership application and send to Dawn James. [Forms](#) are due by October 1. Initiation is

close at hand. Saturday, November 7, 2015, Initiation, Gamma Eta in charge; AK members responsible for chairing the meeting and initiation table arrangement.



In Memorium. . .

- **Minnie Lucile Williams - February 14, 1918 - August 8, 2014**, Lucile Williams was an educator with a loving and generous heart. She had a passion for "opening the doors of opportunity for others" and of "being her brother's keeper.
- **Anne Kelly Levy, Phd. October 15, 1936 – January 4, 2015**, Anne Levy was an advocate for children. She knew that every child deserved to have the best education and that every parent deserved to know their children were safe, happy and well cared for and that every caregiver deserved to have the best training and education.



Roses to...

- **Rhonda Work** – *Are We Doing our Part?* [Rhonda Work Presents](#) - a motivational speech given at the Big Bend Founder's Day Luncheon, 2015. Honored by TCC for contributions to the community and education during Women's History Month 2015.
- **Susan Womble** - book author, *Battle for the Cure* (Wheel Trilogy) (Volume 3), June 6, 2015.
- **Nancy Watson** – Co-author with William Moseley, PHD, Professor of Geography Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota, of *Agriculture, Food Production, and Rural Land Use*, a content piece for the AP Human Geography course; also Co-chair of the AP Human Geography Development Committee.
- **Gale Workman** – retired from FAMU – private consulting business, Owner: Tighter Brighter Communication.



Looking Back...

We had five new initiates this year and one member who rejoined. We are hoping to increase our membership again this year and give deserving teachers an opportunity to join the DKG educator's society. Congratulations to our 2015 sponsors and thank you for mentoring our new members.



Looking Ahead. . .

- Sunday, October 4, 2015, 3:00 p.m., Program Presenter: Susan Womble on Children's Books (Jacque Clemens' home)
- Saturday, November 7, 2015, Initiation, Gamma Eta in charge; AK members responsible for chairing the meeting and initiation table arrangements.
- Thursday, December 10, 2015, 6:00 p.m., Cookie Exchange, Fellowship - discuss Favorite Childhood Book. AK members bring new or used books to be donated to the [Early Learning Coalition](#), (June Townsend's home)

Communicating...



- Send members' notices to Dawn James for distribution at alphakappatally@gmail.com.
- Send website notices to Connie Lewis, at lewisc47@comcast.net.

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