



Alpha Rho News

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“To begin, begin” says William Wordsworth. Let’s do that in 2020! Come to our chapter meetings. Our chapter has 47 members and we average approximately 15 members at meetings. Let’s strive to increase that number to 20 and more! We have many talented members in our chapter; please consider sharing your talent by serving as an officer, chairman of a committee, and/or presenting a program at a meeting. Also, begin/continue to support chapter, state, and international projects. Our chapter project, Geaux Bags for foster children, has been successful. Thank you to the members who have been so generous in their donations and participation. If you have not donated and would like to do so please contact me. The state project is Support Early-Career Educators Deliberately. Our chapter has participated by presenting six first year teachers a stipend. You can continue our project by mentoring a first year teacher. Several of us also contribute to the International project Schools for Africa by collecting loose change.

And lastly but most importantly, reach out to others – both current members and prospective members. “Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light” (Helen Keller). You were invited to be a part of a distinguished caring group of ladies, so let’s join together and make our chapter the best possible!

Wishing you a terrific 2020!

Margene

Alpha Rho Chapter President



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



December

MARTHA TURNER 10

KARYN FLOWERS 17

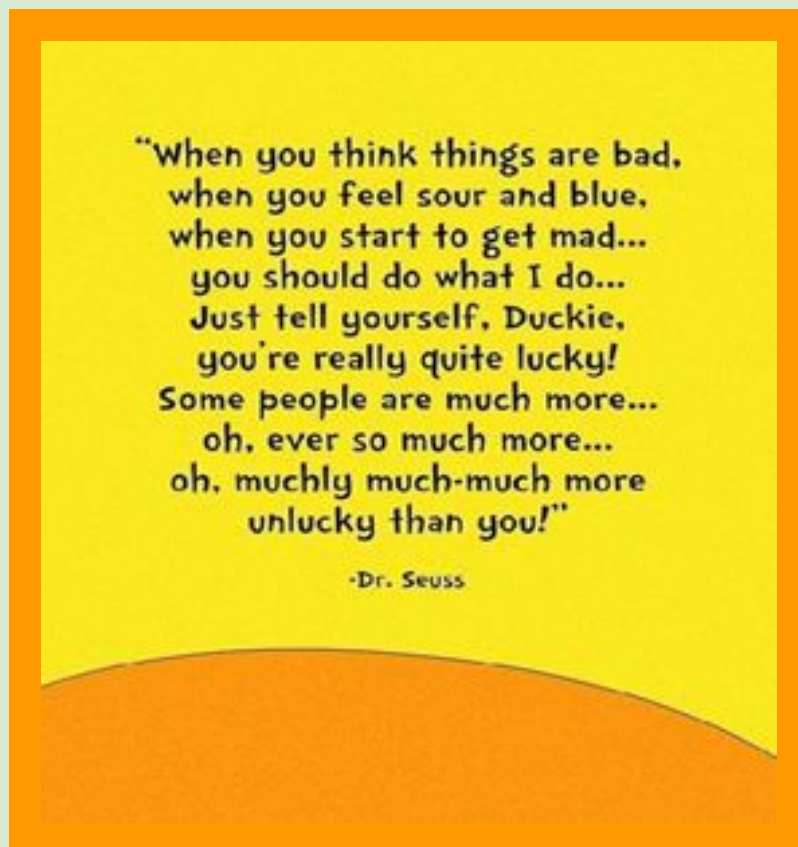
TERRIE JOHNSON 21

JANUARY

MARGIE CARLETON 17

RACHAEL STROUD 14

CHRISTY WILLIAMS 26



2019 - 2021



**STATE
THEME**

Our state theme is

“Sowing Seeds for the Future/Generations Working Together”

- **Cultivate**
- **Plant**
- **Reap**

Let's join together this year to be the best “gardeners” working together to reap the benefits for all. Each person can make a difference!

*Please send your news and photos to our
editor, Emily Cryer, at
emily.cryer@bossierschools.org*

Find more news online:

Visit our website -

<https://dkg-la-alpharho.weebly.com/>

Epsilon State Website - www.epsilonstatedkg.org

International Website - www.dkg.org

MARCH 20-22, 2020

LA STATE DKG STATE CONVENTION
"THE ROARING 20'S"
THE HOTEL BENTLEY
ALEXANDRIA, LA

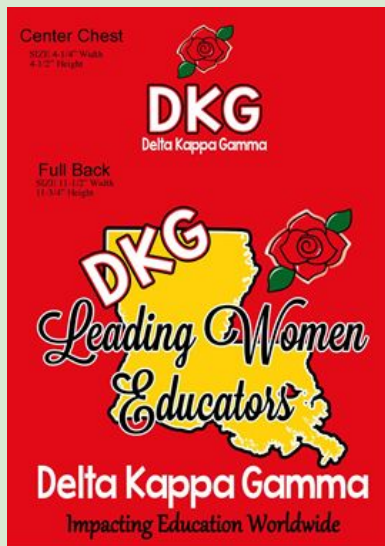
Registration forms are on our state website-
epsilonstatedkg.org

Due February 15, 2020

It would be great to have several members from our
chapter present!

As many of you know our sweet member
Valery Laing moved. She has been an active
DKG member since 1963. I know she would
love to hear from each of us.

Valery Laing
Windsor Senior Living
Apt. 225
1770 North Causeway Blvd.
Mandeville, LA 70471
Phone (985) 626-0242



2020 DKG T-Shirts for Sale

Cost: \$20.00

Order Deadline: February 15th

Send your money to Martha.

Make check out to Alpha Rho.

Be sure to include your size.

Mail check to:

Martha Turner

2429 Clearbrook Way

Haughton, LA 71037



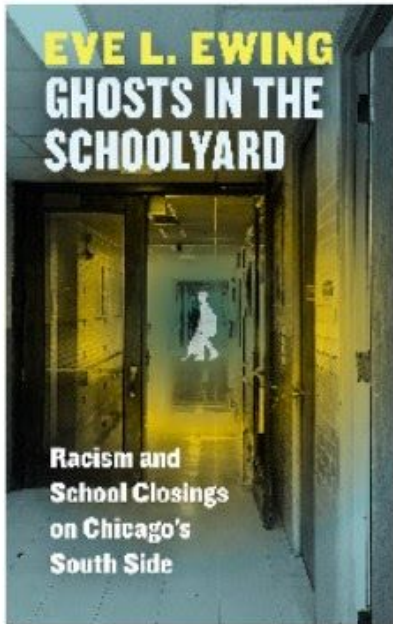
Join our Chapter Facebook page:

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Join our State Facebook page:

[Epsilon State DKG](#)

2019 Educators Book Award Winner



Ghosts in the Schoolyard by Eve Ewing

The closing of a neighborhood school is never easy and has a profound impact on the students, parents, and neighborhoods. It is often a gut-wrenching event that troubles the entire community.

Captivating the reader with a strong narrative the author provides a close look at the closure of schools in the Bronzeville neighborhood of Chicago. In doing this she provides insights into all school closings and the effects on their communities. There is power in telling a story and she writes that she is telling “a story rather than *the* story,” leaving the reader with a deeper understanding of the issues. The story reads much like a novel yet it has end notes, a bibliography, and a discussion of her research methodology.

“The present is not inevitable; things have come to be as we know them through human actors. If we understand the genesis of our present, we have a chance of changing the future.”

Eve Ewing writes, “What is the history that has brought us to this moment?” This describes well her analysis of the events. The reader will be touched by the story and leave with new insights into the deep roots of

racism and poverty. While at first glance this book appeared to have appeal to a limited number, it actually is an in-depth analysis of one event which has broad implications.

Honorable Mentions

My Parent's Keeper by Jody Gastfriend

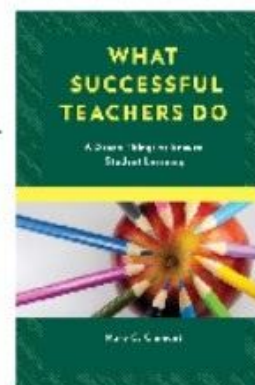
Many will be caregivers at some point in their lives. Ms. Gastfriend has written a book that offers practical suggestions in caring for the elderly. She includes both resources and highly practical tips. She also discusses some of the problems a caregiver might face such as absent siblings and parents who refuse help.



“Our healthcare system, designed to heal and comfort, can feel inhospitable and daunting to seniors and their families as they try to navigate this fragmented and complex world.”

What Successful Teachers Do by Mary C. Clement

Whether it be communicating with parents, managing time and stress, or professional development, this book gives tips and ideas for each. It is a thorough and versatile book that identifies twelve areas to help the teacher ensure student learning. While this book is a perfect gift for an early career educator or collegiate DKG member, the veteran teacher will also find ideas, suggestions, and techniques to implement in her classroom.



About Us Joys and Concerns



Joyce Evans passed away on November 26, 2019. Mrs. Evans became a member of Alpha Rho Chapter in 1967. She had been a faithful and active member for many years.

Report from Debbie Gegg about her son:

“Matt's surgery was successful. He may go home Saturday (January 11th). He has 4 chemos to complete and those will be given on an outpatient basis. I won't travel for those. I will go back to Tampa when he has surgery to remove the tumor in his neck. Not sure when that will be. Thank you for the prayers!”

Laurie Salvail's husband has begun dialysis. A match for a kidney transplant has not been found yet. Prayers needed.

Jamie Jones (Lynn Owens' daughter) classroom was one of the classrooms damaged by the storm at Benton Middle School.

Martha Turner left for a Mission with her church on January 11th and returned January 18th.

Zach Cryer (Emily Cryer's son) was selected as Bossier Parish Middle School Student of the Year. Zach is an eighth grader at Benton Middle. Congratulations, Zach!

(Please send any joys and concerns you have to musicwatters@aol.com that you would like to share with your chapter friends. We care!)

DKG Fine Arts Gallery

There are many talented members in our chapter. Consider submitting your art to the international committee for the website.

Submissions will be accepted for the spring gallery from January 15 - February 15, 2020.

Fall 2019 Submissions

104 Artists submitted
174 Works submitted
147 Works accepted

Submission Periods

Jan. 15th - Feb. 15th
Aug. 15th - Sept. 15th

Forms can be found on the [DKG website](#) (Apply/Submit)
(You have to be logged in.)

The approved Policy Statement of the Arts & Humanities Jury has at its core the following explanation: "The online Arts & Humanities Gallery shall be maintained so that members of DKG may display their creative arts...and all may enjoy, respect and learn more about excellence in arts and crafts." Visit the gallery often and take advantage of these artistic and creative "gifts to the world."

(The above information was obtained from the DKG website.)



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The LOUISIANA DELTION

Did you read the LOUISIANA Deltion Winter issue? There is an article about our pillowcase project for the Geaux Bags and pictures too. I hope you all are receiving the Deltion either by email or postal. Most of you selected email, but please let me know if you are not receiving the publication. It is very informative about our Louisiana chapters. (Click the link below.)

[Louisiana Deltion Winter 2019](#)



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020
BOSSIER PARISH LIBRARY HISTORICAL CENTER
2206 BECKETT STREET
BOSSIER CITY, LA 71111

4:30 pm - Social Time and Business Meeting
5:00 pm - Program

Prayer/Collect: Casey Doerner

Program: Pam Carlisle

“Women Who Made a Difference in Bossier Parish”

Hostesses: Scholarship Committee

World Fellowship Committee

Remember:

Donation for Geaux Bags - children's underwear

Items for our First Timer's Basket - “A Garden Tea Party”

We need items for this basket; we take this to convention in March!

Cash is also acceptable to place in basket!

DKG Discounts

Good Shop

This is the Society online shopping mall. [Good Shop](#) acts as a referral to all of your favorite shopping sites too numerous to mention. You will also be eligible for discounts through some of the vendors. You just need to go to [Good Shop](#), register and search for where you like to shop. You will be amazed! The Society receives a percentage of all purchases. Remind your family and friends they can also shop this way and help benefit DKG.

Amazonsmile

This site lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices and convenient shopping as amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on [amazonsmile](#) ([smile.amazon.com](#)), .5% of your purchase price will be donation to the DKG Supporting Corporation that supports many of our funds including scholarship and world fellowship.

(The above information obtained from [dkg.org/About Us](#))

ALPHA RHO CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020



The meeting was called to order by President Margene Watters at 5:20 pm on December 16, 2019 at the home of Martha Turner. Fifteen members were present. After the opening and welcome, Kathye Blackburn gave the collect. Birthdays were recognized. Joys and concerns were shared. The November chapter meeting minutes had been emailed to all chapter members, so motion was made by Ann Allred and seconded By Deborah Mullinnix to accept the minutes as written. The minutes were approved.

Three prospective members were invited to the meeting. A reminder was given to members who may want to apply for state scholarships to check the Epsilon state website for more information and deadlines.

Grant In Aid money has been presented to the recipients. Teacher of the Year packets have also been delivered. Five chapter members and Tracy Mays' son delivered the handmade pillowcases and new pillows to the Geaux 4 Kids facility.

Thirty pajama sets were collected for the Geaux Bag project to be delivered at a later date.

Margene reminded members to start bringing items for our First Timer's Basket that will be taken to the state convention. Our chapter's theme is "A Garden Tea Party".

A presentation was made by Kim Howell on the DKG 2019 Educators Book Award Winner and the Honorable Mention Winners. The three books she reviewed were:

Ghosts in the Schoolyard by Eve Ewing – 2019 Educators Book Award Winner

My Parent's Keeper by Jody Gastfriend – Honorable Mention

What Successful Teachers Do by Mary C. Clement – Honorable Mention

Margene read Pete the Cat Saves Christmas.

Becky Young and Deborah Mullinnix provided two fun Christmas games for us to play. After singing several Christmas carols, we sang the DKG song and dismissed as we wished each other "Merry Christmas".