



Alpha Rho News

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Fall Greetings,

As I gathered my mail yesterday, to my delight I had a new clothing catalogue advertising the new fall fashions. As I looked through the pages I noticed their theme throughout. To borrow from that clothing industry, the message says “Come together, there’s magic in every day. This is the time of year when everything comes together, and there’s magic in every day – from warm harvest days and brisk nights to long afternoons with friends that meld into relaxed dinners filled with conversation and laughter.” Wow, that is you – Alpha Rho Chapter Ladies!

You do just that, you “Come Together” with TLC (Teamwork, Leadership, Communication with Tender Loving Care) – through your attendance to chapter meetings, district meetings, regional conferences, state and/or international conventions, workshop presenters, organizing, participating and hosting chapter meetings and chapter projects, serving on a chapter and/or state committee, donations to the various DKG funds and projects..... just to name a few. As you can see the list is extensive because you “come together!”

So during our 2018-2019 DKG year, let’s remember there’s magic in every day and beauty whether rain or shine because YOU are a part of the Alpha Rho Chapter. Bring some magic and beauty to someone’s life – contact a member and encourage her to attend our meetings, invite prospective members, send a card, email, or make a phone call to a member “just because”. We can all use a little magic in our lives.

Sincerely,

Margene

Alpha Rho Chapter President





Alpha Rho Officers	
Margene Watters	President
Christy Williams	1st VP
Debbie Gegg	2nd VP
Brenda Estess	Recording Secretary
Emily Cryer	Corresponding Secretary
Lynn Owens	Treasurer
Denise Wood	Parliamentary Advisor
Pam Tarpley	Historian
Margene Watters	Past President

SEPTEMBER

- KATHYE, BLACKBURN 9**
- BECKY BARRISH 16**
- JUDY COVINGTON 17**
- EMILY CRYER 21**

OCTOBER

- Sue Hnes 10**
- MARGENE WATTERS 16**
- SUE BABERS 23**

NOVEMBER

- RENEE STEWART 2**
- BRENDA ST. ANDRE 19**
- TERRI JOHNSON 21**
- VALERY LAING 27**

DECEMBER

- MARTHA TURNER 10**
- KARYN FLOWERS 17**
- BRENDA COLLINS 22**
- HOLLY FLETCHER 23**



Monday, November 26, 2018

Do Good Store
 Louisiana Boardwalk
 Bossier City, La
 4:30 Social Time and Shopping
 5:00 Meeting will begin

World Fellowship Raffle Tickets will be available at the chapter meetings. Each ticket is \$1.00 or a booklet of 12 for \$10.00.

Threading Love and Compassion Project

Items for Geaux Bags:

We will be creating individual fleece blankets on October 29th (bring 1.5 yds to the meeting for you and 1.5 yds for your guest/prospective member). Your personal fabric/fleece selection is based on child's gender and age (infant to teen) and is your choice.

Collecting throughout the year:

- Small stuffed animal (Margene has several puppies for \$2.50 each - she purchased at Styrons)
- Socks
- Underwear
- New toothbrush/toothpaste
- Children's book
- Deodorant
- Hairbrush
- Small package of diapers
- Wet wipes



Debbie Gegg
Alpha Rho Second Vice President

Welcome !!

We are very pleased to welcome Brenda St. André back to our chapter. Brenda is retired from BPSB. She is presently employed as a preschool teaching assistant at Southfield School. Brenda has two children, Brian who is a coach and teacher at Haughton High School and her daughter Michaela, a former teacher and current owner of The Moppet Shoppe. She has four grandchildren.

Brenda attends Noel United Methodist Church, where she leads the altar design team for the contemporary service. A good friend shared that Brenda is very creative and excellent with decorative crafts.

Again, we are so glad you have joined us. Welcome Brenda!!

SAVE THESE DATES!

- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2018 Do Good Store
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018 Red Kettle Challenge
(volunteers)
- MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2019 Officers and Chairpersons
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019 Kingston Elementary Library
- FRIDAY-SUNDAY, MARCH 15-17, 2019 Epsilon State Convention
- MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019 Kingston Elementary Art Room
- MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2019 Bossier Educational Service Center
- SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019 Founders' Day Luncheon

More details are available in The DKG Epsilon State Yearbook.



First Timer's Basket

Our state convention this year will be in Vidalia, LA. Mark your calendar for March 15-17, 2019. Each year we always provide a First Timer's Basket for the convention. This year the theme is "ANYTHING GOES" - sooooo you have lots of choices - anything goes! Start thinking about items you want to bring to help the basket "Come Together"



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

OUR STATE PROJECT—PACK THE PANTRY WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM

Students who have been identified as someone who might not have anything to eat from Friday at lunch until Monday at breakfast at the school are given backpacks with food items and other necessities on Friday afternoon. Each chapter can provide backpacks, food, and/or monetary gifts to the program. You may drop your “packed” backpack off at the Bossier Educational Service Center on Douglas Drive. Karyn Flowers will collect the backpacks and deliver to T.L. Rhodes Elementary.

- Peanut butter/jelly jars (plastic jars)
- 8 individual packets of oatmeal
- Fruit cups
- Canned vegetables
- Raisins
- Canned Spaghetti,
- Ravioli, etc.
- Macaroni and cheese
- Canned meat (tuna, chili, Vienna sausages, chicken, etc.)
- Juice boxes
- Individual boxes of cereal
- Peanut butter crackers/cheese crackers
- Pudding snacks
- Canned soup
- Pop-tarts
- Cereal bars
- Bars of soap
- Toothpaste/toothbrushes
- Small bottles of shampoo



*The most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched,
they must be felt with the heart. - Helen Keller*

October Officer Spotlight

Emily Cryer - Corresponding Secretary

- School Librarian - Kingston Elementary School
- From Coushatta, Louisiana
- Graduated from Riverdale Academy (East Point, La) and NSU (Natchitoches, La)
- Taught third and fourth grades for 10 years before becoming librarian
- Has served as a librarian for 10 years.
- Taught at Mansfield Elementary, Summerfield Elementary (Caddo), and Riverside Elementary (Caddo)
- Married to Jeff Cryer
- Has one son Zach (7th grade at Benton Middle) and Landry (1st grade at Kingston)
- Serves on state committee for LLA (Louisiana Librarians Association)
- Serves with husband at Cypress Baptist Church as a third grade Sunday School teacher
- Enjoys spending time with my parents, husband, and kiddos

Pam Tarpley - Historian

- Retired educator
- Graduated from Bogalusa High School and NSU
- Taught in Rapides and LaSalle Parish prior to moving to Bossier in 1979
- Taught Kindergarten at Kerr Elem.
- Retired in 2013 as Adult Education teacher
- Has two daughters, Lisa and Courtney,
- Has two grandchildren, Ethan and Lainey
- Member and pianist at Stockwell Rd MBC
- Enjoy Bowling
- Appreciates DKG's purpose



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**The DKG Epsilon State Northwest District Meeting
Broadmoor United Methodist Church
Shreveport, La
October 6, 2018**

“Cooking Up Success in the Northwest” was just that at the district meeting. It was hosted by the Zeta Chapter of Shreveport and quite successfully. Pam Hesser, the Northwest District Director coordinated and presided at the meeting. Alpha Rho Chapter had six in attendance: Kathy Blackburn, Valary Lang, Martha Turner, Deborah Mullinnex, Rebecca Young, and Margene Watters. All northwest chapters were represented.

The state officers and state committee chairpersons presented reports. The reports inform members in attendance of the duties and purposes of each office and committee as well as the progress of chapters, state, and international. The reports are often presented in a fun manner and abit of theatrics.

There were two informative breakout sessions: Publishing a Children’s Book by Rita Rabalias and 3D Printing by Mark Holstrom. The meeting was followed by lunch and entertainment.



Message from World Fellowship Epsilon State Committee

Please encourage your members to buy World Fellowship tickets this year. Our item is a painting by Jean Patterson, former state president. Since Jean is from the Northwest District I would like for our district to sell the most tickets. It is a lovely scene of a bayou.

Thank you for your help in this great cause of helping fellow women around the world.

Joy Telford
World Fellowship Epsilon State Committee



How it began: (Information obtained from dkginternational.org/flyers-brochures)

The World Fellowship Program began at the 1946 National Convention in San Francisco. Four German women educators received funds from Delta Kappa Gamma to spend eight weeks of study and visitation in Sweden during the spring of 1948.

In 1952, the World Fellowship Program began an alliance with UNESCO to provide special help for Korean women. During 1958–1960, the present program began to take shape. An agreement was made with the Institute of International Education (IIE) to provide dossiers from which a Society committee could select recipients for study in the United States.

In 1972, the World Fellowship Committee became a standing committee, formerly part of the Personal Growth and Services Committee. In 1974, state organization and chapter committees became part of the *Constitution*. The Institute of International Education recognized the World Fellowship Program with an award in 1978 that is displayed at Delta Kappa Gamma Society Headquarters in Austin, Texas.

Impressive numbers tell story

From an initial award of \$2,500 in 1960, based on \$11,528 in contributions, the program has grown through the 2016–2017 academic year to impressive totals:

Impacting education worldwide

941 women in 122 countries have received awards totaling \$3,433,100.00 since 1960.

Contributions

\$4,035,759.19 (through June 1, 2017)

Contributions and bequests determine the number of World Fellowship Awards given each year by the committee.

Awards given In 2016-2017

21 \$4,000 awards

9 \$800 extensions

Total of \$91,200 to 30 women in 25 countries

Personal note from Margene:

As a very sweet long time member told me "The more you get involved, the more you understand and appreciate Delta Kappa Gamma." What wise words! She is right! That sweet lady attends all chapter and district meetings as well as state conventions. She's priceless! Can you guess who she is?



Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all.

-- Stanley Horowi

Did you know???



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You shop. Amazon gives.

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.

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International Website - www.dkg.org

**Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Alpha Rho Chapter
September 24, 2018
Bossier Educational Service Center
Bossier City, La**



MINUTES FOR THE ALPHA RHO CHAPTER MEETING

Monday, September 24, 2018

Bossier Educational Service Center



The meeting of Alpha Rho Chapter of DKG was called to order by President Margene Watters at 5:00 pm. The meeting was held at Bossier Educational Service Center (BESC).

After a welcome to members present (21) the collect was given by Christy Williams (First Vice-President).

The State President, Kathye Blackburn, addressed the group. She invited everyone to attend the District Meeting at Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Shreveport, LA on Saturday, October 6, 2018. Pack the Pantry will go to TL Rodes Elementary School. Backpacks are always needed for this project. At the district meeting funds will be collected for the Emergency Fund to help those affected by hurricanes. The State Convention will be held in Vidalia, LA March 15-17, 2019. DKG will offer a digital cookbook. Our area is responsible for submitting dessert recipes. The Southeast International Conference which includes our area will be held in Asheville, NC - June 27-29, 2019. The topics for the conference will be Arts and Humanities.

Kathye encouraged everyone to join the state Facebook page. If any member wishes to attend the Bea Davis Leadership Seminar they need to register by January. If you go to the International website (www.dkg.org), your username is on your membership card. It is your membership number. Password is dkg2014society.

The president (Margene Watters) thanked the previous board for serving and introduced the new board.

The minutes from the April meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report was given.

\$2491.28	beginning balance
900.00	dues -12 @\$75
120.00	donations for Literacy/Numeracy
20.00	donations for World Fellowship
.44	interest - July \$ 0.22 August \$ 0.22

\$1040.43 deposits

\$101.99 yearbooks 47@\$2.17 each

\$3429.72 Balance as of September 24th

\$1134.51 Savings

Approved

Alpha Rho had received two letters of resignation. DeeDee Mitchell and Bunny Langston. It was moved and seconded if they ever want to return they can return in good standing. It was moved by Deborah Mullinnix and seconded by Denise Wood. Brenda St. André has re-joined and was welcomed back.

An activity was held to get to know each other better. Purpose for the year as outlined in the handbook was presented.

Reminder was given for the district meeting Saturday, October 6th and for our next chapter meeting Monday, October 29th. The chapter is going to be involved with the Geaux Bags for foster care children. We will bring various items such as blankets, stuffed animals, books, toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks, and underwear. This project will go thru February.

The November 26th meeting will be held at the Do Good store.

December 1st - the chapter will help the BPSB with the Red Kettle Challenge.

February 25th - the chapter will stuff Geaux Bags and observe World Fellowship at Kingston Elementary

March 25th - painting roses

April 29th - 60th birthday party for our chapter

May 4th - Founder's Day Luncheon

The president discussed:

First Timers' Basket – theme "Anything Goes" A committee will be formed.

Chapter keys for structure were discussed.

The importance of singing our song at the end of a meeting was explained by Deborah Mullinnix. The words were written as offering support to each other as educators.

A drawing for door prizes was won by Brenda St. André and Pam Tarpley.

We closed our meeting in a circle singing The Delta Kappa Gamma song.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Estess, Recording Secretary