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“Oh, what a beautiful mornin’ – oh what a beautiful day; I’ve got a beautiful feelin’, everything’s goin’ my way.” (Rodgers & Hammerstein)

I hope you have had some beautiful days with everything going your way this summer. That is just what I am looking forward to in our Alpha Rho Chapter – a beautiful year with YOU! In keeping with our State President Kathye Blackburn’s theme – teamwork, leadership, communication -- we will be embarking upon an ongoing project that will include TLC > teamwork, leadership, communication with tender loving care for others and you. You will want to be present and involved in your chapter’s activities this year. It is going to be such a beautiful year, so let’s share it with other educators also. There are some wonderful key women educators in Bossier Parish, so invite someone to our very first meeting Monday, September 24th.

Come, make this an even more beautiful chapter with YOU there!!

Wishing you many beautiful days in your life and with your Alpha Rho friends.

See you in September,

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.



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

June

JULY

AFIYA CODE 4

MARY LOU HUGHES 10

PAM TARPLEY 9

PAM HALEY 25

KELLE OGILVIE 22

SANDRA POSEY 29

AUGUST

SALLY NAMIE 6 JOYCE DAVIS 24

SUSAN ALEXANDER 10 CASEY DOERNER 24

POLLY GOSLIN 31

A BEAUTIFUL YEAR AHEAD WITH TLC!

Our meetings will be on the LAST Monday of each month. There will be a social time beginning at 4:30 with light refreshments and the chapter meeting beginning at 5:00. It is a busy world for all of us but let's come, visit, and participate in activities that will help make a difference in our world. YOU are the key educator. YOU are the main ingredient that makes a difference.



**MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 24, 2018
First Chapter Meeting for 2018-2019
Bossier Educational Service Center (BESC)
2900 Douglas Drive
Bossier City, LA**

TLC - Teamwork, Leadership, and Communication will be the keys to our successful service project this year in which we "Thread Love and Compassion" for children in foster care.

Who: DKG sisters show love and compassion to area foster children

What: Create 50 special bags with personally sewn blankets and other care items

Where: 1st stop - Bossier Educational Service Center

When: September 24, 2018

Why: Thread Love and Compassion

How: By coming together as sisters

Join us for our 1st meeting of the year to find out more details about this very special project! This project will be woven into many of our meetings this year. In October, everyone will be encouraged to bring a friend who we have not seen in a long time or someone new who would love to join DKG. The more people involved in our project this year will result in more special bags to be given to some very special children who need a lot of TLC! We are looking forward to seeing our DKG family grow!

Debbie Gegg

Alpha Rho First Vice President



Grant In Aid Fund

Remember this project/fund is financed by volunteer contributions of chapter members and given to first year teachers of Bossier Parish to assist in classroom preparation. (This must be the teacher's very first year in her career.) The number of teachers and the amount each receives is determined by the total contributions. Contributions will be accepted at the first meeting or you can mail it to our treasurer Lynn Owens.

Congratulations!!!!

Karyn Flowers was awarded The Gold Star for the month of August in Bossier Schools. Each month, along with their partner [Bossier Federal Credit Union](#), Bossier Parish Schools recognizes an employee who goes above and beyond what their job entails.

Deborah Mullinnix has three paintings hanging at The Glen in Shreveport as a part of Creative Art Connection's Summer Show. The paintings will be on exhibit until August 31, 2018. They are titled "Flowers in the Wind", "The Red Barn Road", and "The Flowering Tree".

SAVE THESE DATES!

- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018 NW District Meeting
- MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2018 Shreveport Sewing Center
- 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 First Church of Bossier City
- SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019 Founders' Day Luncheon

More details are available in The DKG Epsilon State Yearbook. These will be available at the first meeting.



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" - soooooo you have lots of choices - anything goes! Start thinking about a title for our basket with the above theme in mind.

The First Timer's Basket is a project that provides a one-time stipend towards registration fee to an Epsilon State member attending her first International Convention OR her first Southeast Regional Conference. Part of this donation is also used to help with expenses of the Leadership Development workshop for new officers.

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. The Northwest Chapters have been asked to bring a “packed” backpack to the October 6th district meeting.

- 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



REMINDERS for our first meeting:

- Come ready to make it a beautiful year!
- Bring a friend (a member who has not attended regularly, a prospective member)
 - Chapter dues - \$75
 - Grant In Aid Donation
 - Pack the Pantry Donation
- Title idea for the First Timer's Basket

September Officer Spotlight

Margene Watters - President

- Retired educator
- Taught first and third grades - all subjects; second through fifth grades - music
- Retired as music teacher for second and third grades at Platt Elementary
- Graduated from Bastrop High School, NLU (ULM of Monroe) and Auburn University
- Married to Larche Watters
- Has one son David, and his wife Kristen and their two-year-old daughter
- Been a church musician since age 12 and presently serving as church musician at Benton Presbyterian Church
- Enjoys playing piano and organ, painting, coloring, needlework activities, playing bunco and pokeno
- Appreciates DKG's purposes, opportunities, and friendships

Mary Lynn Owens - Treasurer

- Retired educator
- Graduated from Stonewall High School and Northwestern State University
- Taught at Cherokee Park (Caddo) and Curtis Elementary
- First elementary counselor (Waller Elementary) in Bossier Parish
- Coordinator at Platt Elementary
- Principal at Waller Elementary
- Supervisor of grades 4-8
- Married to Wilbur Owens
- Has two daughters and their husbands; Jamie, 4th grade teacher at Kingston Elementary, and Jennifer, married to a Methodist minister
- Has six grandchildren
- Enjoys volunteering at First United Methodist Church of Bossier City, and singing in the choir
- Been a member of DKG for forty-two years
- Served in many different capacities (offices and committees) of DKG both on chapter and state level

Brenda Estess - Recording Secretary

- *Retired educator after 42 years, most spent in Bossier Parish*
- *Retired as Principal of Platt Elementary*
- *Graduated from Bossier High School and Louisiana Tech*
- *Presently co-owner with her daughter of "Sew Chic", a fabric shop*
- *Has two children, her son Adam and daughter Elizabeth*
- *Has four granddaughters*
- *Enjoys quilting*
- *Appreciates DKG's altruistic involvement*

Denise Wood - Parliamentarian

- *Retired educator*
- *Taught geometry and algebra*
- *Retired as assistant principal at Airline High School*
- *Graduated from Eunice High School, NSU*
- *Married to Ken Wood*
- *Have two sons, Chris, his wife Lindsay and boys Nate and Nice and Steven and his wife Tiffany*
- *Member and volunteer at Asbury United Methodist church*
- *Board member and volunteer for Renesting Project*
- *Enjoys gardening and quilting*
- *Appreciates DKG's purposes, opportunities, and friendships developed*



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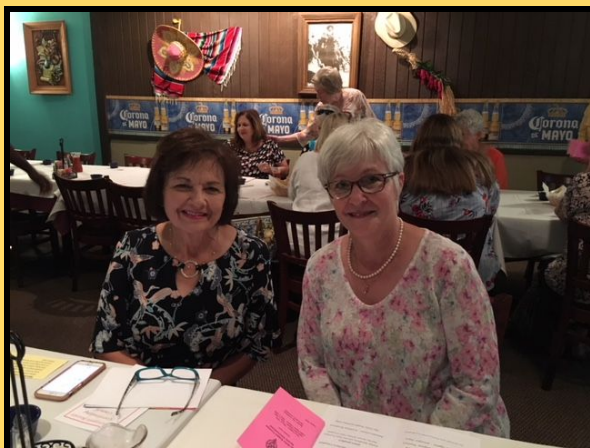
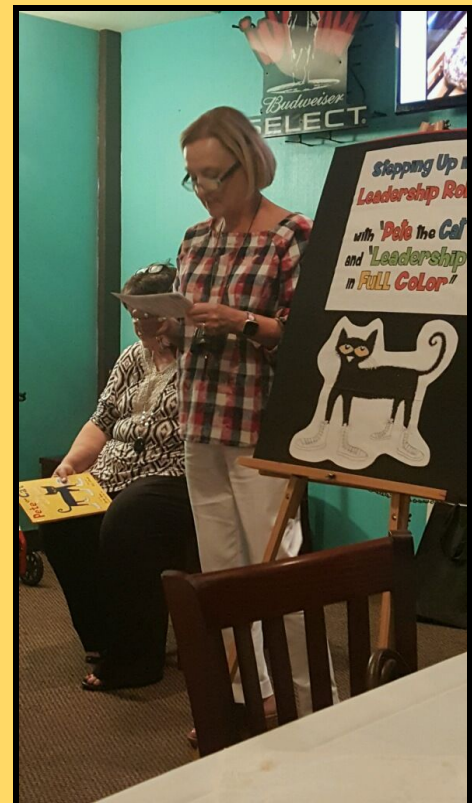
Bossier-Caddo Coordinating Council Fall Luncheon for Literacy and Numeracy August 25, 2018

The Bossier-Caddo Coordinating Council Fall Luncheon was held Saturday, August 25th at Trejo's Mexican Restaurant. It was a time of fellowship with chapter members from Bossier and Caddo and supporting the Literacy Numeracy Project.

Kathleen Broderick welcomed the members of Alpha Rho, Alpha Sigma, and Zeta chapters, followed by an icebreaker. Each member introduced themselves and named a food that began with the same letter as their first name.

The scheduled speaker was unable to attend, but our very talented Kathy Blackburn and Martha Turner presented a condensed version of their International workshop. It was fun and informative. Great job Kathy and Martha!

Remember, if you would like to contribute to the project, please send your donation to our treasurer Lynn Owens.



MARTHA TURNER'S KENYA TRIP

I left from Dallas on Monday, July 30th, traveled through Dubai, and arrived on Wednesday, August 1st in Webuye, Kenya. There were 20 members on our team. I worked with the kids at the Compel Crosby Orphanage teaching VBS. The first photo is kids during VBS. Notice their desk....this is a desk from their school classroom. Just outside the orphanage, other members of our team ran a free medical clinic for the Webuye community. The last picture is a picture of Elvis and me. Elvis is a child I sponsor at the orphanage. I greatly enjoyed my time in Webuye. Education is not free in Kenya. I saw first-hand the need to support the Schools in Africa project, especially in the rural areas. There are old chalk boards, wooden desks (each shared by 2-3 students), and limited resources such as pencils, paper, lighting and electricity. Students of all ages are thrilled to play with a balloon, color pictures with a variety of different colors, learn about faraway places, and receive a single jolly rancher, a banana, or an orange. These are items they may only see once a year when our team visits. It was an awesome experience! Martha





*DKG International Convention
July 2018*

Epsilon State Members:

Kathy Blackburn, State President & Alpha Rho Member (center)

Martha Turner, Past State President & Alpha Rho Member (2nd Row, third from the right)

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MINUTES FOR THE ALPHA RHO CHAPTER MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018

ART WORKZ IN BOSSIER CITY

The meeting was called to order by Margene Watters. Deborah Mullinnix led the collect. The minutes were then read and approved. Ann Allred presented the treasurer's report.

Donations were accepted for the Schools for Africa and World Fellowship projects/funds.

Members who attended the state convention shared about their experiences there. Valery Laing was recognized at the convention for being a member of DKG for 55 years. Debbie Gegg was also recognized for being the recipient of The State Founders Scholarship.

Lynn Owens then presented the new slate of officers for 2018-2020. President – Margene Watters, First Vice President – Christy Williams, Second Vice President - Debbie Gegg, Recording Secretary - Brenda Estess, Corresponding Secretary – Emily Cryer. Motion was made to accept the slate of officers and seconded. Motion passed.

Deborah Mullinnix presented the program “All About Art at Art Workz”. Deborah told us about the purpose and opportunities available at the facility and directed us to the many paintings on exhibit. Members were given the opportunity to view all art and then asked to vote on their favorite.

Announcements were:

Founder's Day Luncheon, Saturday, May 5, 2018 at Ralph & Kacoo's

The DKG International Convention – July 16-20,2018 in Austin, TX

The meeting was adjourned and concluded with the singing of The DKG song.

Respectfully submitted by Margene Watters for Kelly Ogilvie, recording secretary