



Alpha Rho News

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Fall is a beautiful season and with it brings a time of reminiscing and reflection. One of my favorite hymns "Count Your Many Blessings" reminds us to do just that.

Verse 1

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
when you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
count your many blessings name them one by one,
and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Refrain:

Count your blessings; name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done!
Count your blessings; name them one by one;
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done!

(Hymn written in 1897 by Johnson Oatman, Jr)

I count you, my Alpha Rho Chapter friends, as a wonderful blessing!

Happy, Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

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.



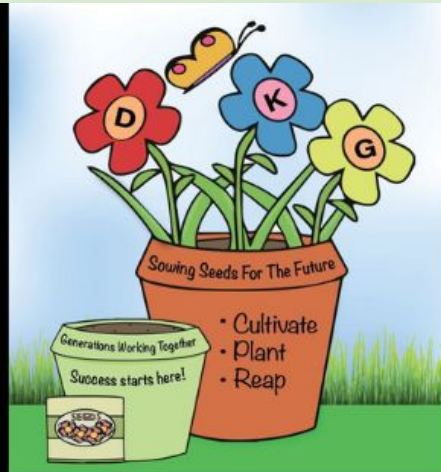
OCTOBER
Sue Hines 10
Margene Watters 16
Sue Babers 23

NOVEMBER
Renee Stewart 2
Brenda St. Andre
Brenda Collins 22
Valery Laing 27
(Dec 14, 1963-initiated)
Kim Howell 21

Don't judge each day by the
harvest you reap,
but by the seeds that you
plant.

- Robert Louis Stevenson

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**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

Our newest member!

Welcome Tracey Mays! Tracey has transferred to us from a chapter in Minot, ND. Tracey, we are so glad you have joined us!

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



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[Alpha Rho, Epsilon State, Delta Kappa Gamma](#)

Join our State Facebook page:

[Epsilon State DKG](#)

**Louisiana DKG State Project
2019 - 2021**



GRANT IN AID

Six first year teachers were selected for our Grant In Aid project and have each received \$50 from our chapter. Remember this is our project that provides a stipend for the selected teachers to assist as they begin their career. This project is funded by member donations.

Grant In Aid recipients are:

Christina Bumpass - Haughton High School
Kelsey Childers - Princeton Elementary
Teresa Joyner-Warren - Princeton Elementary
Brittany Robinett - WT Lewis
Savannah Fread - WT Lewis
Khara Simpkins - Benton Middle School

Our Chapter's Fleur de Lis Service Project for 2019 -2020

Our October chapter meeting was awesome!! Thank you, thank you ladies who made 26 pillowcases and provided new pillows for the pillowcases! It was a wonderful time together with great fun, food, and fellowship with wonderful friends. Thank you to the hostesses Brenda Estess, Lynn Owens, and Martha Turner for the yummy snacks.

Those in attendance were -

Ann Allred
Brenda Estess
Geneva Evans
Sue Hines
Tracey Mays
Donnelle Meachum
Deborah Mullinnix
Lynn Owens
J.J. Stallcup
Martha Turner
Margene Watters
Becky Young

And thank you to the following members who could not attend but sent their pillowcase and pillow.

Pam Haley
Kim Howell
Teri Schalewski

At our November meeting members provided many, many, many pairs of socks for the Geaux Bags.

Donation for December for the Geaux Bags is children's pajamas. Geaux Bags' organization requests that we purchase packaged pajamas.



Geaux 4 Kids, Inc.
Project Geaux Bags
www.geauxbags.org
Also on Facebook

The article “Core Values: Transcending Time” was included in the Nov/Dec 2019 issue of our DKG News from International. As you read the article you will notice that a group representing a cross-section of the overall membership studied DKG’s Core Values. After intense discussion and study, it was concluded that the Core Values established align with the Charter Objective written in 1929 by our Founders. What a futuristic vision the early founders had! So may we continue to work towards “Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide”!

From *DUES* p.8

Did you find HQ assistance helpful?

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45.7% YES 52.3% N/A 2% NO

Treasurers also had the opportunity to recommend changes to the program. Suggestions included adding an online payment/draft to HQ for the dues to avoid written checks, including a field for ID numbers to ease a search for members, and the offering of training at other times than conventions.

When asked to share issues experienced while using the dues portal, the majority believed it was a simple system and liked it. A concern shared among all treasurers was the considerable delay in the actual posting of checks at HQ due to the sheer volume of checks received. Other common technological issues included long-deceased members appearing in the portal and duplicate accounts created by difficulties locating some reinstated members.

Many thanks to the treasurers for their time and honest responses to the survey.

Core Values: Transcending Time

What are the Core Values of Delta Kappa Gamma? This important question was put to the test during a recent Think Tank weekend of DKGNext 2019. Comprised of 14 DKG members, this group was selected to represent a cross-section of the overall membership. Although DKG has a strong set of seven Purposes as well as a mission and vision statement that are regularly addressed, its Core Values have not been revisited in some time. Core Values are beliefs that guide an organization’s actions, unite its members, and define its brand. The DKG professional staff and international president guided the DKGNext 2019 team through a rigorous process by breaking down the seven Purposes and exploring characteristics that the model member embodies. The result was the establishment of five Core Values for our Society: **collegiality, professional/personal growth, leadership, philanthropy/service, and international diversity.**



DKGNext members meet in Austin, TX

The Core Values are easily aligned to the **Strategic Plan** goals (*Support Members, Provide Global Opportunities, Develop Leaders, and Build Resources*) as well as to the **Mission Statement** (*The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International*

promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.) and **Vision Statement** (*Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide*). Perhaps the most interesting discovery was that these Core Values also align with the Charter Objective written in 1929 by our Founders, which reads as follows: *This corporation is formed for educational and benevolent purposes, particularly for extending aid to women teachers and students by means of founding scholarships for study, for developing loyalty and high ideals in the teaching profession, and for conferring distinction upon women members of the teaching profession.*

Revisiting our Society’s Core Values from time to time not only enhances the work already being done but also assists in guiding today’s DKG as we look forward to another 90 years as a viable organization.



December 16, 2019
Home of Martha Turner
2429 Clearbrook Way
Haughton, La 71037

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

Prayer/Collect: Kathy Blackburn
Program: "Oh What Fun at Christmas Time!"
Hostesses: Music and Research Committees

Research: Mary Pittman (chair), Casey Doerner, Sue Babers,
Christy LeDuff, Tonia Haynie
Music: Deborah Mullinnix (chair), Rebecca Young, Carol Raffaello

EVERYONE BRING YOUR FAVORITE FINGER FOOD.



ALPHA RHO CHAPTER OF DKG MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Margene Watters at the Do Good Store on November 18, 2019 at 5:05 pm. There were eighteen Alpha Rho chapter members, six Alpha Sigma chapter members, and two presenters from the Do Good Store present. Alpha Sigma Chapter members were our guests. Geneva Evans gave the collect.

Each member chose a candy bar of their liking. Margene matched the candy bar to personality traits. Each person present then introduced themselves and expressed if they agreed or disagreed to the description of them by their candy choice.

Mary Allred and Lauren McDaniel gave us an overview of the Do Good Store. The items sold go to help a country, organization, or special events/projects.

You can like the Do Good Store on Facebook or Instagram by going to Do Good Store.tv. We also shopped.

The minutes from the October meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report was given by Martha Turner. Balance is \$3,298.20 in checking and \$1,134.65.

The Grant In Aid recipients were announced. They are Christina Bumpass (Haughton High School), Kelsey Childers (Princeton Elementary), Teresa Joyner-Warren (Princeton Elementary), Brittany Robinett (WT Lewis), Savannah Fread (WT Lewis), Khara Simpkins (Benton Middle School). They will each receive \$50.

Martha Turner made name tags for each member. Please leave them after each meeting.

November birthdays were recognized.

Under concerns, we were asked to keep Debbie Gegg and her family in our prayers as her son fights cancer. Nancy Doerner Deavers (mother in law of Casey Doerner, chapter member) needs our prayers as her husband is battling cancer. Valery Laing is very concerned for her sister in Colonial Oaks. Contact information will be obtained so we can visit Valery's sister or send a card.

If you know someone who may be a prospective member, get a card from email Margene so they can be invited to a meeting.

Mary Lou Hughes gave a report on the availability of scholarship money to further your education. Go to epsilonstatedkg.org to obtain scholarship information. Important due date is January 15th.

Margene shared an article from the DKG News International. DKG had a research team look into the core values for the organization. In conclusion, the core values currently established reflect the same goals as the Charter Objective written in 1929.

The theme for the First Timer's Basket is "A Garden Tea Party". Members are encouraged to bring items such as tea, cookies, cups, teapots, napkins, etc. Cash is accepted also.

Sharing/Caring Grams forms were available. These grams are sent by a district committee member to the person you request. The form can be found on our state website or get a copy at a chapter meeting.

We need to deliver the items for the Geaux Bags. We will meet on Monday, November 24th at 11 a.m. at NWLA Family Justice Center 1513 Doctor's Drive in Bossier City. Margene, Brenda, Mary Lou, Martha, and Tracey will deliver pillows, pillowcases, and socks.

Our next meeting will be a Christmas social at Martha Turner's house on December 16th at 4:30. Bring your favorite finger food and packaged pajamas for the Geaux Bags.

The chapter voted to nominate Kathye Blackburn for the State Achievement Award.

After singing the Delta Kappa Song the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Estess

MINUTES FOR THE ALPHA RHO CHAPTER MEETING

Monday, October 21, 2019

Sew Chic



The meeting was called to order by President Margene Watters at 4:45 on October 21, 2019 at Sew Chic. There were twelve members and one guest present.

Under concerns the members were told of a car accident involving a former state officer, Virgie Dronet. We were all saddened to learn Debbie Gegg's son has cancer. Both of these people are in our thoughts and prayers.

The minutes were approved. Motion was made by Deborah Mullinnix and seconded by Ann Allred.

Martha Turner (chapter treasurer) presented the treasurer's report. The chapter has a balance of \$3,353.92 in checking and \$1,134.64 in savings.

The treasurer's report was accepted.

Grant In Aid donations have reached \$180. Chapter members selected names to award the Grant In Aid stipends. The goal is to award six people \$50 each.

Donations are needed.

Literacy/Numeracy fund has \$160 and World Fellowship has \$10. There is still time to donate to these projects also.

If any member has a name of a prospective member, please send the name to Brenda St. Andre or Margene Watters so they may be invited to a meeting.

Margene passed out a census from International for each member to complete.

If any member has pictures or items for the newsletter, please send them to Emily Cryer, our chapter's newsletter editor.

After the business meeting was adjourned, the members worked together to sew twenty-six pillowcases. These will be donated to help fill Geaux Bags for foster children.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda Estess (Recording secretary)