



Alpha Rho News

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MESSAGE FROM MARGENE

WOW! How time flies! I think of that old song “Summertime and the livin’ is easy”. I hope you each had some of those “easy livin’ days” of summer joy! There is also another phrase of that old song that says “One of these mornings, you’re going to rise up singing”. To put a modern twist on that phrase, it reminds me that some of you have begun those days of early rising (not sure about the singing...?!) to begin the new school year. I wish for all of you a great school year!

In my opinion this acrostic describes all educators presently employed or retired, but also as DKG members. Our new DKG year is filled with activities and projects dedicated to others and us. We continue to “teach” no matter what stage of life or location we are. Once a teacher always a teacher is my thought. So as DKG members, let us use these words to be the best DKG member/teacher ever.

Sincerely,

Margene

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Alpha Rho Chapter President



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



JUNE

Afiya Code 4
Pam Tarpley 9
Christy LeDuff 10
Donnelle Meachum 11
Kelle Ogilvie 22

JULY

Mary Lou Hughs 10
Pam Haley 25
Sandra Posey 29

AUGUST

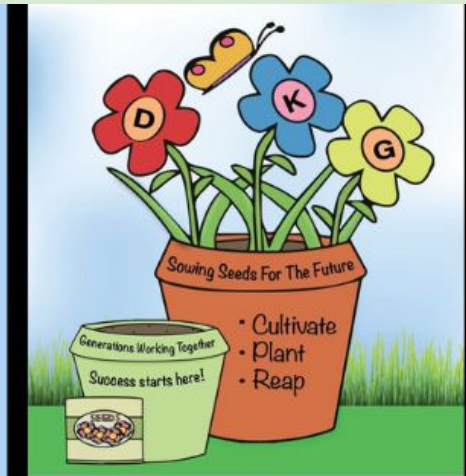
Sally Namie 6
Susan Alexander 10
Casey Doerner 24
Polly Goslin 31

SEPTEMBER

Kathye Blackburn 9
Rebecca Barrish 16
Emily Cryer 21



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!

Committee thoughts from Margene:

The state committees' chairmen met in June and all members of each committee met in August. As I participated in these meetings, it became even more evident to me how important it is for membership participation in the planning (cultivating), implementing (planting), and evaluating (reaping) for each chapter. At our first chapter meeting let us come together as a group and also meet in committees: “Sowing Seeds Together”. More information about committees will be forthcoming.



Congratulations to Rachael Stroud on her new job. She is now Assistant Principal at Bossier Elementary. Way to go Rachael! Wishing you the best!

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.

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WELCOME to our newest chapter members!

Tonia Haynie

Megan Hembree

Kim Howell

Donnelle Meachum

Laurie Salvail

Janene Stallcup

Rachael Stroud

Shuntay Wilson

Christy LeDuff

Megan, Kim, Donnell, Laurie, Janene (J.J.), Rachael, and Shuntay were inducted at the Founders 'Day Luncheon in May. Christy was inducted at Martha Turner's home in June. Tonia is returning to us by reinstatement.

We are so glad you have chosen to join us!!

**Louisiana DKG State Project
2019 - 2021**



Each chapter will develop a specific project in their local area to mentor and support those who are new to the field of education.

Our chapter's project will be to expand on our current Grant In Aid project. Last year we presented six new teachers a \$50 stipend to help with the expenses as a first year teacher. Your ideas and suggestions are needed to enhance our project this year.



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

Geaux Bags' Project (Geaux 4 Kids, Inc.) serves to make the first night in foster care in a new home a little easier for everybody by providing a bag of essential items to each child, plus one comfort item. Last year several of our members at our chapter meetings made beautiful flannel blankets for the children. At our February meeting we met at Geaux Bags center located inside the NWLA Family Justice Center at 1513 Doctors Drive in Bossier City and presented KC Kilpatrick (director of the program) with approximately seventy-five (75) blankets created with TLC. She was so excited and appreciative!

This year we are going to continue with the Geaux Bags' Project by making pillowcases for the children. Our October meeting will be the beginning of the "pillowcase sewing".

We had a fun time working together last year, plus knowing that it was such a sweet important service for children. It is truly a project that reaps success for both the children and us.



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



**Bossier-Caddo Coordinating Council Fall Luncheon for Literacy and Numeracy
Saturday, September 7, 2019**

Front row (left to right) Sue Hines, Lynn Owens, Margene Watters, Becky Young. Back row (left to right) Deborah Mullinnex, Kathy Blackburn, Martha Turner

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MINUTES FOR THE ALPHA RHO CHAPTER MEETING

April 24, 2019

Bossier Educational Service Center



The meeting was called to order at Bossier Educational Service Center (BESC) on April 24, 2019 at 5:10 by President Margene Watters. There were 28 in attendance. Some were former members who came to celebrate our 60th chapter birthday. Sandra Pruitt, State President for 2019-2021 and Delores Hackler, treasurer from Alpha Sigma Chapter were present. Valery Laing gave the collect.

A motion to suspend the reading of the minutes and treasurer's report was made by Brenda Estess and seconded by Sally Namie. The motion was carried.

Members were reminded that chapter dues are to be paid to the treasurer Martha Turner by May 31, 2019 in the amount of \$75. This change was made by DKG International to coincide with their fiscal year.

Margene shared with the members some history of DKG and Alpha Rho Chapter. The first Alpha Rho meeting was held in January of 1959 at Waller Elementary School.

Christy Williams presented a slide show of pictures from chapter events. Martha Turner led members to tell stories of their membership.

Sandra Pruitt, the new State President for 2019 -2021, shared with the chapter her vision for DKG during the next two years. "Sowing Seeds for the Future" will be the theme. "Cultivate, Plant, Reap" was her message.

Birthdays were recognized.

Joys and concerns were shared.

Joys – Denise Wood has a new granddaughter and Teri Schalewski said her Dad will celebrate his 90th birthday soon and is doing well.

Concerns- Lynn Owens and Mary Lou Hughes have had a tough year and the chapter was so happy to have them in attendance.

Reminders were noted. Founders' Day Luncheon and New Member Induction will be Saturday, May 4th at Wine Country in Shreveport. Our chapter will induct eight new members. They are Megan Hembree, Kim Howell, Donnelle Meachum, Laurie Salvail, J.J. Stallcup, Rachael Stroud, Shuntay Wilson, and Christy LeDuff.

The singing of the DKG song concluded the meeting.