

# Alpha Rho/Northwest District

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## Mission Statement:

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

## News/Photos:

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## Online News:

<https://dkg-la-alpha.rho.weebly.com/>  
<https://epsilonstatedkg.org/>  
<https://www.dkg.org/OtherMemberHome>



## Tonia Haynie - DKG President 2020

2020 has been a year of many firsts and it is easy to focus on the negative aspects. I want to encourage you to change your perspective and choose to focus on the positives. Although the school shut down in March was abrupt and shocking, it provided us with extra time to spend with our families. The uncertainty created by the pandemic resulted in comforts such as reading an extra book

or one more round of giggles before sending little ones to bed. The responsibility of becoming a virtual teacher stretched many outside a comfort zone and resulted in the addition of instructional tools that can be used now and in the future to enhance student learning.

Personally, I have experienced many changes in 2020. It has been overwhelming and yet, it has been a blessing. It is the extra blessings that cause my cup to overflow daily and to remind me to be a blessing to someone else. My hope for our chapter is that we can be a blessing to our community through the Renesting Project and to each other through fellowship. I look forward to meeting with you in October as we learn more about this opportunity to provide a service for families and as we reconnect after many months apart.

Let's focus on the positives in our lives and find ways to bless others daily,  
Tonia

#### **Society Missions & Purposes:**

**Scholarship:** Sally Namie (chair), Mary Lou Hughes, Donnelle Meachum, Valery Laing

**World Fellowship:** Brenda St. Andre (chair), Renee Stewart, Polly Goslin, June Smith

#### **Join our chapter Facebook page:**

Alpha Rho, Epsilon State, Delta Kappa Gamma

#### **Join our state Facebook page:**

Epsilon State DKG

#### **Chapter Projects:**

*Renesting Project* - Donation items to be announced monthly  
Grant In Aid

#### **State Project:**

*SEED* – Support Early-Career Educators Deliberately

## A Message from our Past President

Just a note of thanks to each and every one of you. Thank you so much for your support and kindness during the last four years as Alpha Rho Chapter President. You are truly a group of ladies that "unite women educators in genuine spiritual fellowship, personally and educationally." And a sincere thanks to the officers who were willing to do their part to continue the success of our chapter. I appreciate you. There certainly is a very special "sweet, sweet spirit" among DKG sisters/friends. With DKG love, Margene

## Alpha Rho Chapter Slate of Officers for 2020

President-Tonia Haynie

First Vice-President-Christy Williams

Second Vice-President-Emily Cryer

Co-Recording Secretaries-Polly Goslin and Renee Stewart

Treasurer- Janene "J.J." Stallcup  
Parliamentary Advisor-Deborah Mullinnex  
Historian-Ann Allred  
Past President- Margene Watters

## CONCERNS:

- Our condolences to Pam Tarpley whose father, Andrew W. King, Jr. passed away July 22, 2020

## JOYS!

- *Congratulations to our new president, Tonia Haynie! Tonia is the Secondary Math Coordinator for Bossier Parish Schools.*
- *Kelle Ogilvie was named Principal of Legacy Elementary*
- *Megan Hembree was named Assistant Principal of Legacy Elementary*
- *Kim Howell is the new Benton Middle School Tiger Librarian*
- *Margene Watters has a new grandson, Braydon James Watters, born on April 9, 2020*
- *Zachary Cryer, Emily Cryer's son, was named Middle School Student of the Year for Louisiana*
- *Mary Lou Hughes' granddaughter, Morgan, will be attending UVA on a 4 year full ride scholarship and granddaughter, Merritt, lettered in soccer as a freshman at Caddo Magnet High.*
- *Valery Laing is doing well and sends her love. She would really love to hear from you via a card/note. Valery is 92 and living in Mandeville, LA.*
- *Shuntay Wilson has been named to the 2020 forty under 40 class of the Greater Shreveport Chamber*

# Happy Birthday!

## September

Kathye Blackburn - 9/9  
Becky Barrish - 9/16  
Emily Cryer - 9/21

## October

Sue Hines - 10/10  
Margene Watters - 10/16  
Sue Babers - 10/23

## November

Renee Stewart - 11/2  
Brenda St. Andre' - 11/19  
Kim Howell - 11/21  
Brenda Collins - 11/22  
Valerie Lang - 11/27

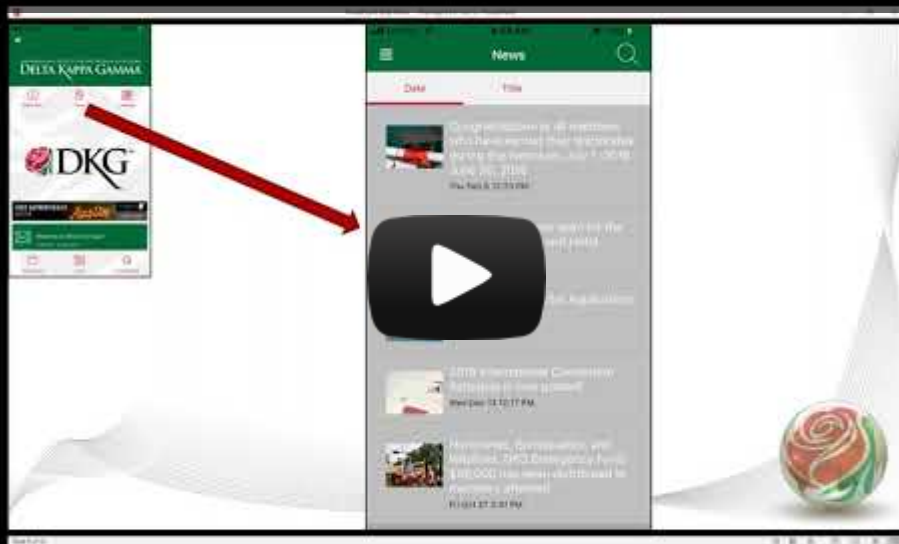
## 2020 Seniors

Written by Mary Lou Hughes/Alpha Rho/Northwest District

Lots of problems that made people fear,  
March saw you leave your school one day  
Never dreaming it would turn out this way,  
Plans for prom, Senior "skip day" and graduation fell by the side  
As Covid19 touched schools far and wide,  
You did "online lessons" and missed your classmates  
Hoping each day for news of graduation dates,  
But through it all you each stood firm  
2020 Seniors won't be beat by a germ,  
Go forward.....remember these days in years ahead  
Your story in history will be read.

**This apps for YOU! Check out the new DKG app!**

**This New App's for You!**



# Virtual State Meeting

When

Saturday, Sep. 12th, 9:30-11:30am

Where

This is an online event.

## More information

Join us as we pivot from our in-person convention to a virtual state meeting! While the Virtual State Meeting will be absolutely FREE of charge, DKG members will need to register for the event. Registration is required to receive the log in credentials and access instructions. Registration closes approximately 48 hours prior to the event. Please note that the virtual event will be recorded for viewing at a later date. The details of the agenda are being finalized so stay tuned for more information to be shared!



Welcome! You are in...

[us02web.zoom.us](https://us02web.zoom.us)

Welcome! You are invited to join a meeting: 2020 Louisiana DKG Virtual State Meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email about joining the meeting.

## NEXT MEETING!

### ALPHA RHO CHAPTER MEETINGS

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020**

**RENESTING PROJECT**

**1331 DRIFTWOOD DR.**

**BOSSIER CITY, LA 71111**

**4:30 pm - Social Time and Business Meeting**

**5:00 pm - Program**

**Prayer/Collect:** Margene Watters

**Program:** "Renesting"

**Hostesses:** Finance Committee -Martha Turner (chair), Tonia Haynie, JJ Stallcup, Lynn Owens  
Rules Committee - Margene Watters (chair), Brenda Estess, Rebecca Barrish, Terrie Johnson, Sue Hines

**Reminders:** Grant In Aid \$ donation (Project helps first year teachers)

Laundry detergent donation for Renesting

## DKG February Meeting Minutes

ALPHA RHO CHAPTER OF DKG MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020

The meeting was called to order by the President Margene Watters at 4:45 pm on February 24, 2020. The meeting was held in the Historical Center of the main branch of the Bossier Parish Libraries. There were twenty-two people present, including two guests. Margene Watters welcomed everyone and read the collect which was written by Wanda Edwards a former member of Alpha Rho Chapter.

Under joys, we gave Martha Turner a big thank you for opening her house to us for our Christmas party. The hostesses (Sally Namie, Mary Lou Hughes, J.J. Stallcup, Donnelle Meachum, Martha Turner, Renee Stewart, and Polly Goslin) also received a sincere thank you. The two guests were Ashley Holliday and Wendy Roche.

The minutes were approved with a motion by Sally Namie and a second from Kathye Blackburn. Copies of the treasurer's report were distributed. The balance reported was \$2,830.72. The members voted to donate \$50 for the First Timer's Basket. Brenda Estess made the motion and Deborah Mullinnex seconded.

Martha Turner gave a report on the World Fellowship fund raiser. This was started by DKG after World War II to help teachers in countries with heavy damage from the war to receive training and supplies. Now the program has stretched to underdeveloped countries all over the world. This year, DKG (Louisiana State) is raffling a platter by Dana Wittman Collections which will be presented to the winner at the state convention.

A reminder was given for the LA State DKG convention – March 20 -22, 2020 in Alexandria, LA. Additional announcements were made:

Next meeting Monday, March 16, 2020 at Kingston Elementary

Geaux Bags' donation for March - hairbrush

The DKG song was sung before adjourning to the program "Women Who Made a Difference in Bossier Parish" presented by Pam Carlisle of the Bossier Parish Libraries History Center.

Respectfully submitted by –

Brenda Estess

Recording Secretary



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District, Louisiana  
State-Epsilon,  
Delta Kappa Gamma Society  
International**

**Vision Statement:**

**The Vision Statement of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is outstanding women educators impacting education worldwide.**

**Impacting education worldwide**

986 women in 122 countries have received awards totaling \$3,699,600 since 1960

