

# 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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## A Message from our President

## TONIA HAYNIE

Wow! It is November already. In recent months I have heard people say, "I am done with 2020!" Those words have come from individuals who have only experienced a few minor inconveniences related to the pandemic and natural disasters. None of them have experienced a life-altering event such as losing their job or home. I hope you are taking a different approach—one that is positive and encouraging in spite of the world around us. Alpha Rho Chapter chooses to focus on how we can serve and give back to others, not only in the months of November and December, but also throughout the year.

Our October meeting was held at the [Renesting Project](#). Supporting this community-oriented program is our Fleur de Lis project for 2020-2021. After the abbreviated installation of officers and business meeting, Noel Haacker, Founder and Executive Director, shared the project's history and an overview of its role in the community.

Noel explained that volunteers reclaim and renew used furniture and household goods. These items are then re-nested to provide for those in need—free of charge. Renesting serves many sectors of our community as indicated on the non-profit organization's website: Together we serve a very diverse cross section of our community: school children, mentally or physically disabled persons, domestic violence survivors, homeless Veterans, among others. Our goal is to improve the quality of life of those we serve as they transition into permanent housing by providing basic furniture and household items needed to function with dignity.

Noel guided us through the facilities and explained how donations are repurposed. She demonstrated the efficiency of the program by explaining how the procedures have been streamlined so that volunteers can maximize their time in preparing boxes for distribution. We participated by preparing small bags of laundry pods so they are ready to be boxed with other laundry essentials. It was an eye-opening experience to get a glimpse of how individuals' basic needs can be met, but only if the resources are available to be distributed.

How can you support this cause? First, you can [donate](#). Donations of money, furniture and household items support the efforts to provide basic needs. Second, you can [volunteer](#) on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and the second Saturday of the month. Lastly, you can share the good things that are happening through this project. Sharing the needs and purpose of this valuable community resource with others expands the opportunities for Renesting to meet the needs of many more. By taking action through donating, volunteering, or sharing, we help to meet the needs of our community including our students and their families.

In closing, I hope that you will plan to join us November 16th at BESC and December 12 for a Christmas brunch at Martha's house.

Blessings to you and your family,

Tonia



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS  
**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**

**Alpha Rho 2020  
Chapter Project**

**Renesting Project**  
1331 Driftwood Drive  
Bossier City, LA 71111

Please bring laundry detergent pods to help replenish the nest. We will work in the nest packing laundry kits that will be provided to a homeless family when they transition into permanent housing.  
A list of Renesting Project's top 10 needs is shown below.

**re**  
reclaim . renew . renest  
2020  
"virtual edition"

top 10 needs

- you! (at re2020)
- twin and full comforters
- brooms
- mops
- tall kitchen trash cans
- small bath trash cans
- laundry detergent pods
- laundry baskets
- toilet paper
- foil / plastic wrap

[www.RenestingProjectInc.org](http://www.RenestingProjectInc.org)

RenestingProject Evergreen 4K



**DONATION ITEMS NEEDED FOR RENESTING  
PROJECT**

**S**upport  
**E**arly-Career  
**E**ducators  
**D**eliberately

## GRANT IN AID

Do you know a brand new 1st year teacher? Nominate them for a Grant In Aid:  
[tonia.haynie@bossierschools.org](mailto:tonia.haynie@bossierschools.org)

# Happy Birthday!

## November

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

## December

Martha Turner - 12/10  
Karyn Flowers - 12/17  
Terrie Johnson - 12/21

## January

Shayna Vincent - 1/10  
Rachel Stroud - 1/14  
Margie Carlton - 1/17  
Christy Williams 1/26



**Announcing....  
Theme for "First-Timers"  
Chapter Baskets**

**HOW DOES  
YOUR  
GARDEN GROW?**

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY**

The National Science Teachers Association is seeking volunteers to serve as judges/evaluators for their national competitions in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). As a judge, you will judge remotely through a virtual judging online platform! Join us in evaluating student projects from the comfort of your own home, office or remote destination. Benefits in being selected as a judge for NSTA sponsored competitions:

- National recognition
- Prestige in being selected out of a pool of applicants
- Professional development
- Volunteer opportunity
- Enhance your CV/Resume
- Engage in the K-12 science community

We strongly encourage active teachers to apply! Consultants and retired teachers are also eligible!

<https://mcusercontent.com/b4b...>

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## DKG INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

VISION: Giving To Educate the World



**JOYS/CONCERNS:**

Sally Namie has moved to Baton Rouge to be closer to family and her southern roots! We will miss you!! Laissez les bons temps rouler!

June Smith was called to her heavenly home on October 17, 2020. June taught school at Kerr and Apollo for 26 years. She loved children and one of her favorite things was having her grandchildren come and stay with her a week each summer. Please be in prayer for her family as they grieve the loss of this wonderful woman.



## ALPHA RHO CHAPTER OFFICERS 2020-2021

Ann Allred - Historian, Kim "Lovie" Howell - Corresponding Sec., Polly Goslin - Recording Sec.,  
Tonia Haynie - President, J.J. Stallcup - Treasurer, Renee Stewart - Recording Sec.

Not Pictured: Christy Williams - 1st V.P., Emily Cryer - 2nd V.P., Deborah Mullinix - Parliamentary  
Advisor, Margene Watters - Past President



## NOVEMBER DKG MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2020

BOSSIER EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER (BESC)  
2900 DOUGLAS DRIVE

**BOSSIER CITY, LA 71111**

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

**5:00 pm - Program**

**Prayer/Collect:** Rachael Stroud

**Program:** Kathy Blackburn and Martha Turner – “Pamper Yourself”

**Hostesses:** Communications Committee

Kim Howell (chair), Pam Tarpley, Sandra Posey, Megan Hembree

Personal Growth and Services Committee -

Teri Schalewski (chair), Denise Wood, Brenda Collins, Rachael Stroud



## **DECEMBER DKG MEETING**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2020**

**HOME OF MARTHA TURNER**

**2429 CLEARBROOK WAY**

**HAUGHTON, LA 71037**

**10:30 am - Social Time and Business Meeting**

**11:00 am - Program**

**Prayer/Collect:** Rebecca Young

**Program:** “Oh What Fun at Christmas Time!”

**Hostesses:** Music Committee

Educational Excellence Committee

**Reminders:** Everyone brings a brunch dish.

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# DKG STATE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Calendar of Events 2020-2021

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### **Alpha Rho Chapter, Northwest District, Louisiana State-Epsilon, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**

#### **Mission Statement:**

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellent educators.

#### **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