

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

Anticipation

noun - the act of looking forward; expectation or hope.

2020 will soon come to a close. How are you going to celebrate? Are you spending time with your loved ones gathered around a bonfire? Or are you assembling virtually through FaceTime or a Google Meet? This time last year, we could not have anticipated how the year would progress and how it would change us. I hope and pray that you have become stronger, that you have adapted, and that you have chosen to live every day to the fullest extent. Take a moment to reflect on 2020. Maybe now is the time to start a new tradition—one in which you record your thoughts about the current year and your dreams, expectations, and hopes for the new one.

Blessings in 2021,
Tonia

RENESTING PROJECT, INC.

Got leftover boxes, bubble wrap, or packing paper?

Start your New Year off by getting rid
of that clutter and bringing it to us!



RenestingProject Evergreen 4K



Donation Items Needed for Renesting Project



Grant In Aid Recipients 2020

Sheri Wiese - Kingston Elementary

Victoria Kerry - Princeton Elementary

Ali Hadley - Benton Middle

Hannah Pape - Airline High

These deserving teachers will all be granted \$50.00 each.

Contribute to Grant in Aid:

1. **Mail** - send a check to J.J. Stallcup at 1921 Honeytree Trail, Haughton, LA 71037
2. **Paypal** - send to [paypal.me/jjstallcup](https://www.paypal.me/jjstallcup) (the name will be Jackson)
3. **Venmo** - send to @JJStallcup

Happy Birthday!

January

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

February

Deborah Mullinix - 2/3
Carole Raffaello - 2/28

March

Denise Wood - 3/8
Geneva Evans - 3/15
Mary Pittman - 3/20
Rebecca Young - 3/28

Fine Arts Gallery

Submit to the
DKG Fine Arts
Gallery: January
15-February 15

Choose Joy

Joys/Concerns:

It is with deep sorrow that we share that our dear DKG sister and Louisiana 1st Vice President, Dr. Gwen Traylor passed away. Her son shared the following:

Mom passed away peacefully this afternoon at 12:50 PM.

We sang her into the presence of the Lord.

All the way my Savior leads me.

What have I to ask beside?

Can I doubt His faithful mercies?

Who through life has been my guide

Heavenly peace, divinest comfort

Ere by faith in Him to dwell

For I know whate'er fall me

Jesus doeth all things well.

She was surrounded in love by almost her entire family: Granny Effler, Dad, Gail and Doug, Chuck, Patrick and Ronna, Xandra, Courtney, Allison, Amber, Grace, Benjamin, and Jack.

How were your 2020 holidays different this year from years past?

- Less family more pounds

- Less in store shopping, but try to buy local through pick up
- Shopping mostly online, not traveling
- Same-we only have small family gatherings
- Much smaller gatherings...6 for Thanksgiving. Three snowskiing for Christmas.
- Not as many get-togethers and less need for over-the-top decorations. I have been looking at this past year, eliminating the unnecessary. Not eliminating seeing and talking with friends and relatives.
- We are not traveling this year
- Put up my Christmas tree at the end of October, but didn't decorate it until it was officially Nov. I have a 2nd tree that my 5 year old grandson decorated for me. Usually I don't decorate until Black Friday.
- We were unable to see family who live in different states. My family, in Louisiana, will not be together this year. My niece was diagnosed with leukemia 2 weeks ago and therefore my sister, brother-in-law and niece will be in Memphis at St. Jude during the holidays.
- Celebrating in a different city, different house
- Not getting together with family



January DKG Meeting

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021

BOSSIER EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER (BESC)

2900 DOUGLAS DRIVE

BOSSIER CITY, LA 71111

4:00 pm - Chapter Officers & Committee Chairpersons Meeting



February DKG Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021

BOSSIER EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER (BESC)

4:30 pm - Social Time and Business Meeting

5:00 pm - Program

Prayer/Collect: Renee Stewart

Program: Lori Myers, Executive Secretary – “Are You Fully Charged: Energizing Your Work and Life”

Hostesses: Scholarship Committee

World Fellowship Committee

NOVEMBER 2020 MEETING MINUTES ALPHA RHO CHAPTER OF DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

The meeting was called to order by president Tonia Haynie at 4:50 on November 16, 2020. The meeting was held at the Airline High School library. The Collect was read by Rachael Stroud. Tonia welcomed the 15 members and six guests in attendance. The guests were some of the teachers that have been invited to join our society and included Jamie East, Norcha Lacey, Alison Ferrero, Ashley Holliday, Charlene Cooper, and Laura Jorgenson.

Polly Goslin read the minutes of the November, 2020, meeting. The minutes were approved with a motion by Denise Wood and a second by Kathy Blackburn. Copies of the treasurer's report were distributed by J.J. Stallcup. The closing balance of the checking account is \$3432.30, and the closing balance of the savings account is \$1134.77. The treasurer's report was approved with a motion by Denise and a second by Teri Schalewski.

During committee reports, Tonia reported for Emily Cryer that membership letters have been sent out to our prospective members who are being considered for invitation to Alpha Rho. She also reported that the yearbooks are in the process of being distributed. Kim Howell asked members to check to make certain that they are receiving the newsletter by email. Kim also encouraged members to send information for the next newsletter. Tonia reported that an effort is being made to simplify the rules of the society.

In unfinished business, J.J. reported on the "Renesting Project" which is our Fleur de Lis project. She encouraged donations as well as volunteer time to the project. Denise also encouraged involvement in the project.

Under new business, J.J. reported that we have \$90.00 for the grant-in-aid project for first-year teachers in Bossier Parish. Donations for that project are still being accepted. Martha said that we will try to present the awards by the end of 2020. Tonia announced that our next meeting will be our Christmas brunch at Martha's house on December 12, 2020, and the February meeting will be held on February 22, 2021 at 4:30 the BESC.

During recognition/time of sharing, J.J. announced that her 18-year-old son got a job. Margene Watters said that she talked to Valery Laing, who is 92 and doing great in Mandeville. Tonia encouraged to keep spirits up during this time and to find ways to be thankful for all things during the holiday season.

Members joined together in singing the Delta Kappa Gamma song. The meeting was adjourned at 5:22. The "Pamper Yourself" program of the meeting was then led by Kathy and Martha. This was a fun program that encouraged members to relax and take a break. Activities included designing boxes to save money dedicated to pampering and making a "sugar scrub" for skin care. Members enjoyed this time together and thanked Martha and Kathy for their program.

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Calendar of Events 2020-2021

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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