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Each morning I begin with my cup of coffee and the newspaper. Yes, I still like the newspaper in my hand, no online newspaper reading for me! After skimming the news, I always read the column with the writings of the late Rev. Billy Graham. This morning the subject was Christmas season is a time of “goodwill” – a time for people to reach out to others. Yes, it began over two thousand years on that special night in Bethlehem. “For unto us a Child is born – His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6) The One who exemplified goodwill toward us first.

You are a special group of ladies who personify that very Christmas spirit all year. You reach out to each other and others always with “TLC”.

May the blessings of peace, goodwill, and happiness be with you at Christmas and always.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Margene

Alpha Rho Chapter President



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Margene Watters	President
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DECEMBER

RENEE STEWART 2

MARTHA TURNER 10

BRENDA ST. ANDRE 19

KARYN FLOWERS 17

TERRI JOHNSON 21

BRENDA COLLINS 22

VALERY LAING 27

HOLLY FLETCHER 23



*Monday, February 25, 2019
Possible Meeting Location Change
More Info later
4:30 Social Time 5:00 Meeting Time
Program: The final touches on our
"Threading Love and Compassion" Project
Hostesses: Scholarship Committee
(Sally Namie, Lynn Owens, Jeannette Bange)
World Fellowship Committee
(Martha Turner, Polly Goslin, Renee Stewart)*

*Chapter Officers and Committee
Chairpersons Meeting
Monday, January 21, 2019
Notini's Italian Restaurant
2013 Airline Drive
Bossier City, LA 71111
4:30 p.m.*

*This is the time to evaluate our chapter year.
Chapter members are invited to attend also.*

Threading Love and Compassion Project

According to K.C.Kilpatrick, Geaux 4 Kids Founder/Executive Director, the following items will be greatly appreciated:

packages of underwear

socks

hairbrushes

New pillow with pillowcase (packaged)

She is so excited about our “handmade” blankets. That extra touch of “TLC” is very special.

Our Birthday

Did you know our chapter's birthday is May 2, 2019? We will be 60 years old!

Our celebration will be on Monday, April 29, 2019.

Your suggestions, ideas, people to contact etc, will be greatly appreciated and make this time extra special! Send information to Christy Williams Chapter First Vice President and myself. (christy.williams@bossierschools.org and musicwatters@aol.com) Thank you.

SAVE THESE DATES!

- MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2019 Officers and Chairpersons
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019 Kingston Elementary Library
- FRIDAY-SUNDAY, MARCH 15-17, 2019 Epsilon State Convention
- MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019 Kingston Elementary Art Room
- MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2019 Bossier Educational Service Center
- SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019 Founders' Day Luncheon

More details are available in The DKG Epsilon State Yearbook.



First Timer's Basket Items Needed

Our state convention this year will be in Vidalia, LA. Mark your calendar for March 15-17, 2019. Each year we always provide a First Timer's Basket for the convention. This year the theme is "Family Fun - Anything Goes" - soooooo you have lots of choices - anything goes! Bring to the February meeting! Remember we take the completed basket to state convention.



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

OUR STATE PROJECT—PACK THE PANTRY WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM

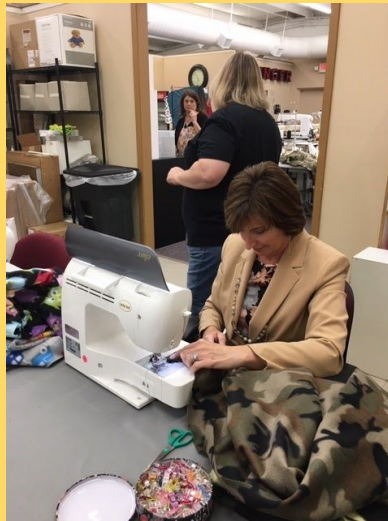
Students who have been identified as someone who might not have anything to eat from Friday at lunch until Monday at breakfast at the school are given backpacks with food items and other necessities on Friday afternoon. Each chapter can provide backpacks, food, and/or monetary gifts to the program. You may drop your “packed” backpack off at the Bossier Educational Service Center on Douglas Drive. Karyn Flowers will collect the backpacks and deliver to T.L. Rhodes Elementary.

- Peanut butter/jelly jars (plastic jars)
- 8 individual packets of oatmeal
- Fruit cups
- Canned vegetables
- Raisins
- Canned Spaghetti,
- Ravioli, etc.
- Macaroni and cheese
- Canned meat (tuna, chili, Vienna sausages, chicken, etc.)
- Juice boxes
- Individual boxes of cereal
- Peanut butter crackers/cheese crackers
- Pudding snacks
- Canned soup
- Pop-tarts
- Cereal bars
- Bars of soap
- Toothpaste/toothbrushes
- Small bottles of shampoo



Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Alpha Rho Chapter
October 29, 2018
Shreveport Sewing Center
Shreveport, La

Alpha Rho members met at Shreveport Sewing Center to sew and embroider blankets for our service project, "Threading Love and Compassion". Blankets will be included in bags for local foster children. The bags will be donated to the local nonprofit organization, Geaux Bags.



**Salvation Army
Bossier Red Kettle Challenge
December 1, 2018**

Alpha Rho members served the community by “ringing the bell” for the Salvation Army in front of Kroger on Airline Drive.



Opportunities

Many scholarship opportunities are available through DKG both statewide and international. Visit our state website (epsilon.dkq.org). Check the Louisiana DKG Update - 12.15.18 issue online and the Deltion. Some scholarship deadlines are January 15, 2019.



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You shop. Amazon gives.

This site lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices and convenient shopping as amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on amazonsmile (smile.amazon.com), .5% of your purchase price will be donation to the DKG Supporting Corporation that supports many of our funds including scholarship and world fellowship.

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.dkq.org

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Alpha Rho Chapter
November 26, 2018



MINUTES FOR THE ALPHA RHO CHAPTER MEETING

Monday, October 29, 2018



The meeting of Alpha Rho Chapter was called to order by President Margene Watters at 5:00 on October 29, 2018. The meeting was held at the Shreveport Sewing Center. Members and guests were welcomed. Collect was given by Denise Wood. Debbie Gegg introduced four guests and announced we have a returning member – Shelly Bihm. There were fifteen members plus guests present.

The minutes from the September meeting were approved.

Christy Williams read the treasurer's report due to Lynn Owens (chapter treasurer) absence. The balance in checking account as of October 29, 2018 was \$5731.37 and the savings account was a balance of \$1134.52.

Emily Cryer of the communication committee asks that all news be sent to her please.

World Fellowship committee reported that Martha Turner has a raffle tickets to be purchased for a painting.

Martha Turner informed the chapter of an opportunity to attend a leadership seminar in Woodworth, LA. The class is being offered June 7-9, 2019. Only fourteen can attend.

Members of the chapter will be sent a birthday card during their birthday month. This service is by Valery Laing (Special Committee).

Valery Laing was recognized for her fifty-five years of membership with a DKG pin.

The theme for the First Timer's Basket is "Anything Goes". Becky Young and Deborah Mullinex will decide the direction the chapter will go on filling our basket.

MINUTES FOR THE ALPHA RHO CHAPTER MEETING

Monday, November 26, 2018

President Margene Watters called the Alpha Rho Chapter meeting to order at 5:05 pm November 26, 2018. The meeting was held at the Do Good Store at the LA Boardwalk. We had the Alpha Sigma Chapter attend as our guests for the meeting. Pam Haley gave the collect and our guests were welcomed.

Ann Allred presented the program. She explained the history of the Do Good Store. All the items in the store benefit the organization that sells them and when a purchase is made at the store a percentage of the sale goes to help an organization. The store is open Friday 5pm – close and Saturday 12 pm – 7 pm.

The Christmas carol “O, Come All Ye Faithful” was sung by all. Door prizes were given. The Do Good Store generously gave nine door prizes.

Minutes were approved. Lynn Owens resigned as treasurer (due to personal reasons). Martha Turner has accepted the position. Martha reported we have 39 active members and 3 reserve members.

We had two new guests and two guests who had attended previously. Debbie Gegg gave the membership report. At the last meeting 31 blankets were made for the Geaux Bags. Everyone was encouraged to continue collecting items for their bag. Clear bags were purchased by Alpha Rho and each member needs to pay \$5.00 to cover the cost. Items that are needed to fill the bags are socks, toothbrush, toothpaste, book, plush toy, etc. Saturday, Alpha Rho Chapter will help with the Salvation Army Red Kettle Challenge from 11am – 12pm at the Kroger on Airline Drive.

Valery Laing sent birthday cards to members with December birthdays. November and December birthday s were recognized. A card was sent around for the members to sign for Lynn Owens. The members were asked to send Mary Lou Hughes cards.

The First Timer’s Basket theme will be “Family Fun Night”. Bring items to the February meeting.

President Margene shared two articles from DKG Publications. Information concerning the chapter key pin was shared. The society keypin article is located in the DKG News Nov/Dec 2018 issue online. Another article about computer scams was presented. The article stated there are many, many scams and are particularly prevalent during the holiday season. A warning to computer users - “Be Careful.” More information about the computer scams can be located in the Deltion(our state newsletter) Fall /2018 issue.

There will be an officers meeting on January 21 at 4:30 at Notini’s Restaurant. All members are invited.

At the next chapter meeting on February 25, 2019, the Geaux Bags will be completed. Recipes for the online DKG Cookbook for Epsilon Louisiana are due by January 15th. We now have a website for DKG Alpha Rho. Please visit Alpha Rho Chapter’s website and Facebook page.

The state convention is March 15-17, 2019 in Vidalia,LA. All members are encouraged to attend. The Bea Davis Leadership Seminar application is due January 15, 2019. Only fourteen people may attend.

Hostesses were recognized and thanked. President Margene Watters shared a Christmas meditation. The meeting was closed with a Christmas carol and the DKG song.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Estes